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GRAND LODGE

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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MANITOBA,

At an Emergent Communication held at the City of Brandon, Manitoba, on the 27th August, A.L. 5883,

—AND AT THE—

NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held in the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th of February, 1884.

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PROCEEDINGS

—AT AN—

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

A. F. & A. M.,

Held at the City of Brandon, on Monday, August 27th, 1883.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, D.D.G.M. Winnipeg District, as D. G. M.
" " Roderick McCuaig, Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. " John McKechnie, as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. " Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Grand Chaplain.
V. W. " James A. Carley, as Grand Secretary.
" Wm. Huston, as Grand Steward.
" Joseph Greenfield, " "
" A. McNabb, " "
" D. McArthur, Grand Tyler.

And other brethren, members of Brandon Lodge, as visitors.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ***Ample Form*** at 3:45 p.m.

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Grand Master, stated that he had been requested by the Master and Brethren of Brandon Lodge No. 19, to lay the corner stone of a building to be used as a Masonic Hall. He had also been requested to lay the corner stone of the Public Buildings of the Western Judicial District.

A procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Book of Constitution, was formed, and proceeded to the site of the intended Masonic Hall, when the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed to the corner of the building, where a platform had been erected for the Grand Officers.

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The opening ceremony commenced with the R. W. Brother, the Rev. J. D. O'Meara, the Grand Chaplain, offering up an appropriate prayer.

The acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll :—

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India.

His Excellency the Right Honorable John Douglas Campbell, Marquis of Lorne, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B., etc., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable James Cox Aikins being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

The Honorable John Norquay being Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

M. W. Brother John Headley Bell being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

A list of the other Grand Lodge Officers.

A list of the Officers of Brandon Lodge No. 19.

Copies of the Winnipeg and Brandon papers.

Canadian coins.

The W.M. of Brandon Lodge then presented the Grand Master on behalf of the brethren with a beautiful silver trowel, which bore the following inscription :—

> Presented to John Headley Bell, Grand Master A. F. & A. M., G.R.M., by Brandon Lodge No. 19, on the occasion of his laying the Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall Block, 27th August, 5883, Brandon.

The scroll, lists of officers, papers and coins were then deposited in the cavity, and the ceremony proceeded with.

After the laying of the stone, M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell addressed the large crowd present, congratulating the lodge on being the first in the province to erect such a handsome building for their own use.

R. W. Bro. Canon O'Meara spoke with great satisfaction of the progress of Masonry in the province. When he first came to it eleven years ago, there were but two lodges—now there was a

Grand Lodge and twenty-five subordinate lodges. As a minister of the Gospel and as a Mason he had great pleasure in being present on the occasion. He regarded Masonry as in every way the handmaid of religion. Looking to the great progress of the town, which had only been in existence about two years, he could not refrain from congratulating the citizens on the marvellous progress of their city.

Ald. Fraser, of Brandon, also addressed the assembly, after which the Masons were conveyed in carriages to the site of the Public Buildings of the Western Judicial District, when the corner stone of this structure was laid with Masonic honors. The casket for the corner stone of this building contained the same as did the one of the Masonic Hall Block. . The ceremony was completed in due order, and then a few important speeches were delivered.

The Grand Master, in the course of an able and eloquent address, referred to the brilliant future that was manifestly in store for Brandon. No one seeing the crops of the surrounding country and the general air that pervaded the whole place, could come to any other conclusion. Masonry, he said, had ever kept in the advance guard of civilization. It has been the lever by which an amount of good has been done to the human race scarcely dreamt of by persons outside the Order. It had been the means of bringing together men of all ranks, from royalty downwards, and of all shades of political, religious and social opinions, and none would venture to say that they had not one and all thereby been made better men and better citizens. They were thus afforded the best opportunities for becoming acquainted with each other, and the effects had almost without exception been to smooth down the asperities of life, and diminish the friction sometimes existing in social relations.

The Grand Chaplain and the Mayor of Brandon made a few appropriate remarks.

The brethren having returned to the Hall of Brandon Lodge, the Grand Master expressed his gratification at the successful nature of the day's proceedings, and his thanks for the kind hospitality extended to the visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ***Ample Form.***

JOHN HEADLEY BELL,
Grand Master.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Graud Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

A. F. & A. M.,

At the Ninth Annual Communication,

Held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th days of February, A.L. 5884, A.D. 1884.

FIRST DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro.	John Headley Bell	Grand Master.
R. W. "	C. F. Forrest, as	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	R. McCuaig	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	S. Duffin, as	" Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. Canon O'Meara	" Chaplain.
" "	John J. Johnston	" Treasurer.
" "	Wm. G. Scott	" Secretary.
V. W. "	John McKechnie	" Senior Deacon.
" "	James Levy	" Junior Deacon.
" "	James Leslie	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" "	John McBeath	" Sword Bearer.
" "	S. C. Vick	" Organist.
"	Thomas McPherson, as	" Pursuivant.
" "	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	" Steward.
" "	Alfred McKeand	" "
" "	F. L. Morton	" "
" "	S. R. Marlatt	" "
"	Duncan McArthur	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Alfred Pearson	No. 1 or Winnipeg District.
" "	D. G. Dick	No. 2 or Emerson District.
" "	J. A. Griffith	No. 4 or Rapid City District.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Mississippi, Idaho and Montana.

M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada, California and Ohio.

M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

M. W. Bro. George Black, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. S. Duffin, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Wyoming.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

R. W. Bro. John J. Johnston, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy.....Past Grand Master.
" " George Black ..... " "
" " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.. " "
R. W. " Wm. G. Scott.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " G. F. Carruthers ..... " District Deputy Grand Master.
" " R. Meiklejohn ..... " " " "
" " S. Duffin..... " Grand Senior Warden.
" " Alfred Pearson..... " " " "
" " R. McCuaig ..... " " Junior Warden.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, R. W. Bro. Canon O'Meara, Grand Chaplain, offered up the following prayer :—

O Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, we, Thy children, look up to Thee and would ask of Thee that Thy blessing may rest upon this our present convention assembled in Thy Most Holy Name. Grant that our proceedings may be conducted in Thy fear and lightened by Thy presence.

Give us at this time a right judgment in all things, that our deliberations may redound to Thy glory, the advancement of our Order and the good of our fellow men. Give Thy grace to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge that so they may be the better enabled to display to the world, in the uprightness of their conduct and the purity of their lives, the power of the principles of Freemasonry. Look down with favor, we beseech Thee, upon all Freemasons, wherever they are, under whatever circumstances they may be placed. Bless with Thy special regard the Institution for whose advancement we are met to-day, and grant that the teachings of our ancient and illustrious Order may lay an ever deepening hold on the minds and thoughts of men. Above all we ask Thee that Thy Holy Dove of Peace and Charity may hover round us and spread its gentle power through all our hearts. These things we ask relying not on our own merits, but on Thine infinite mercy, through Christ our Lord.—Amen.

So Mote it be.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ***Ample Form*** at 8:15 p.m.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig and V. W. Bros. James Levy and John McKechnie, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz. :—

No. 1.—PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. Geo. McVicar, W. M. ; Bro. J. Y. Cain, S. W. ; Bro. J. J. Jackson, J. W. ; M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, P. M. ; R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, P. M. ; W. Bro. John Leslie, P. M. ; R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, P. M. ; R. W. Bro. G. F. Carruthers, P. M. ; V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, P. M. ; V. W. Bro. A. McKeand, P. M. ; W. Bro. Wm. Toole, P. M. ; W. Bro. W. T. Walker, P. M.

No. 2.—LISGAR LODGE, SELKIRK.

W. Bro. Wm. Gibbs, W. M. ; Bro. James S. Greig, S. W. ; Bro. R. Dickson, J. W. ; W. Bro. George Black, P. M.

No. 3.—ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. D. Hope, W. M. ; Bro. W. G. Bell, S. W. ; Bro. James Harrower, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. John J. Johnston, P. M. ; R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, P. M. ; R. W. Bro. S. Duffin, P. M. ; V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph, P. M. ; W. Bro. David Douglas, P. M. ; V. W. Bro. James O'Connor, P. M.

No. 4.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, W. M. ; Bro. Horace Raymer, S. W. ; W. Bro. W. H. Seach, P. M. ; V. W. Bro. James Levy, P. M.

No. 5.—HIRAM LODGE, KILDONAN.

R. W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, W. M. ; M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, P. M.

No. 6.—EMERSON LODGE, EMERSON.

W. Bro. John Lamont, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, P. M.

No. 7.—ASSINIBOINE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

V. W. Bro. S. R. Marlatt, W. M. ; Bro. Thomas Collins, S. W. ; V. W. Bro. W. R. Black, P. M. ; R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, P. M.

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON LODGE, MORRIS.

W. Bro. C. Skeffington, W. M. ; Bro. James Hooper, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. R. Meiklejohn, P. M.

No. 10.—NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, WINNIPEG.

R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, W. M. ; Bro. J. S. Dennis, S. W. ; W. Bro. Dr. James Kerr, P. M. ; W. Bro. Dr. J. W. Whiteford, P. M. ; W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, P. M. ; W. Bro. H. N. Ruttan, P. M. ; M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, P. M.

No. 11.—GLADSTONE LODGE, GLADSTONE.

W. Bro. P. St. Clair McGregor, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. Thomas L. Morton, P.M.

No. 12.—STONEWALL LODGE, STONEWALL.

W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, W. M. ; Bro. Wm. T. Vincent, S. W. ; Bro. John Montgomery, J. W. ; W. Bro. A. G. McKenzie, P. M.

No. 13.—BELMONT LODGE, NELSON.

Bro. T. H. York. S. W.

No. 14.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, MINNEDOSA.

W. Bro. R. A. Cowan, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, P. M. ; V. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, P. M. ; V. W. Bro. James Leslie, P. M.

No. 16.—KINISTINO LODGE, PRINCE ALBERT.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Proxy.

No. 17.—SASKATCHEWAN LODGE, EDMONTON.

V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Proxy.

No. 19.—BRANDON LODGE, BRANDON.

W. Bro. John Dickson, W. M. ; Bro. John Colwell, J. W. ; W. Bro. P. McGregor, P. M.

No. 21.—MARQUETTE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

W. Bro. J. Johnston White, W. M. ; Bro. C. M. Coughill, S. W. ; W. Bro. John Boultbee, P. M.

No. 22.—PEQUONGA LODGE, RAT PORTAGE.

W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, W. M. ; Bro. H. E. Alexander, J. W.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, seconded by M. W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Eighth Annual Communication held at the city of Winnipeg, on the 14th and 15th days of February, 1883, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at an Emergent Communication held at the city of Brandon, on August 27th, 1883.

It was moved by M. W. George Black, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, and

Resolved, That these minutes be and are hereby confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren assembled in Grand Communication:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

Once again another Masonic year has been added to the vast cycles of time that stretch into the past eternity. Once again we have met as the representatives of an honored and hallowed association. Once again I extend to you a fraternal greeting, and welcome you to the annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Once again we have assembled to examine the work of the past year and to see if it will bear inspection and prove of such materials and workmanship as are required in the symbolical temple we are erecting. Once again around this sacred altar with its open Bible, we are to consult together for the best interests of the craft in this jurisdiction for the coming year. For all these privileges let our thanks go out to the Grand Master of Heaven and earth, and before engaging in the work before us let us implore His blessing

with the same spirit and sincerity it was invoked when we first knelt within the portals of Freemasonry.

SORROW.

The past twelve months have brought us varied experiences; blessings which we should gratefully remember and sorrows which, sooner or later, we will forget, but neither thankfulness nor regrets can stay the onward march "of the Reaper whose name is Death." Since our last annual communication

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
Rev. Dr. William Clarkson Clark.

The first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge has been called from labor on earth to everlasting refreshment in the Grand Lodge above. Most Worshipful Brother Clark presided at the convention when the Grand Lodge was organized in May, 1875, and was unanimously elected Grand Master. He labored assiduously to perfect the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and to secure the formal recognition of sister Grand Lodges, and in many ways rendered efficient services to the craft. Ere the completion of his term of office he had removed to another sphere of labor in one of the eastern Canadian towns, his removal causing much regret to all the brethren. Eight years in this rapidly growing country has made great changes, and, consequently Bro. Clark was known to but very few of the present members of Grand Lodge. Very few members (not half a dozen) are here to-night that met with Bro. Clark when this Grand Lodge was called into existence. Some have gone to other lands, some there are whose first love has waxed cold, some are lying on beds of pain, and some have fallen asleep. On the few faces left the furrows are deepening, telling that autumn is coming on; the hair that then was black and glossy shows now the frosts of coming winter. Year by year those faces are fewer in number, and soon, aye very soon, none will be left. Viewing the steadily increasing harmony and prosperity of Masonry in this great Northwest, need

I ask you to keep in grateful remembrance the founders of this Grand Lodge.

BY-LAWS.

During the year I have examined and approved the by-laws of the following lodges, viz. :—Gladstone, No. 11, Gladstone; Prince Rupert's, No. 1, Winnipeg; Kinistino, No. 16, Prince Albert; Wascana, U.D., Regina; and Ionic, U.D., Winnipeg.

LAYING CORNER STONES.

First—On the 27th of August, by invitation of the Worshipful Master (Bro. John Dickson), the Wardens and Brethren of Brandon Lodge No. 19, I laid the corner stone of their new Masonic Block in Brandon with the customary Masonic ceremonies, and as usual with the Brandon brethren, the Grand Lodge Officers and other visiting brethren were treated with the greatest courtesy and kindness. I am pleased to be also able to report that the block has since been completed. On the 27th December (being unable to be present) the hall was duly dedicated by W. Bro. W. H. Whyte, P.M. of Prince Consort Lodge No. 52, G.R.Q., who performed the ceremonies at my request, and has my warmest thanks for his efficient services on that occasion.

Second—By invitation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Brandon, on the 27th August I laid the corner stone of the County Buildings and Court House at that place, with the usual Masonic ceremonies. Full particulars will be found in the proceedings of the Special Communication of Grand Lodge of that date.

NEW LODGES.

Since our last Annual Communication, I have granted dispensations for new lodges as follows:—

First—Wascana Lodge, meets at Regina on the first Tuesday of every month. Dispensation granted on 20th of February, 1883, to 14 petitioners, W. Bro. James H. Benson, W. M.; A. G. M. Spragge, S. W.; John A. Kerr, J. W.

Second.—Neepawa Lodge meets at Neepawa on the Friday on or before full moon; 8 petitioners. Dispensation granted 7th March, 1883, John A. Davidson, W. M.; M. H. Fieldhouse, S. W.; J. J. Hamilton, J. W.

Third.—Ionic Lodge meets at Winnipeg on the first Friday of every month, 28 petitioners. Dispensation granted 26th May, 1883, Rt. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, W. M.; J. J. Dunlop, S. W.; Lendrum McMeans, J. W.

Fourth.—Moose Jaw Lodge meets at Moose Jaw on the second Tuesday of every month, 28 petitioners. Dispensation granted 24th September, 1883. E. H. D. D. Hall, W. M.; Dr. J. W. Rolph, S. W.; Jas. M. Pritchard, J. W. A further dispensation was granted on the 21st November, for Dr. Rolph to work the lodge and confer degrees during the absence of the W. M.

Fifth.—Glenwood Lodge meets at Souris on the Friday on or after full moon, 10 petitioners. Dispensation granted 24th December, 1883. Jas. A. Ovas, W. M.; Jas. C. Stogh, S. W.: W. A. King, J. W.

Sixth.—Bow River Lodge meets at Calgary on the Monday on or before full moon, 24 petitioners. Dispensation granted 10th January, 1884. Neville J. Lindsay, W. M.; George Murdock, S. W.; Fred. L. Newman, J. W.

Other dispensations have been granted to lodges to wear regalia in public on certain special occasions, also to confer degrees in less than one month, and also to install the W. M. elect of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, he not having previously served as Warden, and to Bro. John Lamont to act as W. M. of Emerson Lodge No. 6, during the absence of the W. M. and S. W. from the jurisdiction. These dispensations are either provided for by the Constitution or allowed by the usages of masonry, and have only been granted when it seemed proper from the circumstances of the case as presented by the W. Master, the Secretary of the Lodge, asking it, or the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master.

VISITATIONS.

During the year I have not visited officially any of the older warranted lodges, as I had reason to believe that the D. D. G. M.'s were faithfully performing their duties. I also had ample means of knowing the state of nearly all the lodges either through correspondence or by personal conversation with members of the various lodges.

On the 1st June I was present and opened Ionic Lodge, U. D., Winnipeg, and placed the dispensation in the hands of the Rt. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, W. M., knowing so well the staff of officers and the members of this lodge. I have no hesitation in strongly recommending that this lodge be granted a warrant.

On the 4th December I was present at a Regular Communication of Wascana Lodge, U. D., Regina, W. Bro. Benson, W. M., presiding. No degrees were conferred, but from an examination of the books of the lodge, from other sources of information, and from the fact that Bro. Benson is an old Past Master, I am satisfied that the Grand Lodge would be justified in granting a warrant to this lodge.

On the 15th December I was present at an Emergent Communication of Moose Jaw Lodge, U. D., Bro. Dr. Rolph acting W. M., Bro. Davies, S. W., and Bro. Mitchell, J. W. The first and second degrees were conferred during my visit, and the work was well done. The books are also correctly kept. I could wish that more of our lodges had brethren like R. W. Bro. Hall for their first Master. After the lodge was over all sat down to an excellent dinner at the Brunswick House, and passed a very pleasant hour. I would also recommend that this lodge be granted a warrant.

The books, etc., of these and the other lodges under dispensation will be laid before you for inspection, and warrants asked for, and, as usual, I am certain that warrants will not be granted unless deserved.

On the 27th December I installed the officers elect of Hiram Lodge No. 5, Kildonan; also of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, St. John's Lodge No. 4, and Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg. After the installation, by invitation of the committee of management I presided at a splendid Masonic banquet held in the Grand Union Hotel, Winnipeg. The attendance of brethren was very large. Toasts, songs, and speeches alternated, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Through the excellent management of the committee a sum of about seventy dollars was realized for the benefit of the relief fund.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

On the 20th March, accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, Grand Senior Warden; V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Fulthorpe, and Bros. Stovell and Harrower, I went to Brandon and constituted Brandon Lodge No. 19, and installed its officers. After the ceremonies were closed all sat down to an elegant banquet. Those present will long remember one of the most enjoyable evenings they ever spent.

On the 17th April, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. J. Johnson, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. C. F Forrest, Past Junior Grand Warden; the late Grand Secretary, and Bros. Alex. Taylor, Houston and others, I went to Rat Portage and constituted Pequinga Lodge No. 22, and installed its officers. An excellent banquet followed the conclusion of the ceremonies, and the occasion will not be soon forgotten by those who participated.

Recently the neat hall of this lodge was destroyed by fire and a considerable portion of the furniture also destroyed, but the loss was partially covered by insurance. They have succeeded in obtaining a new hall and are again in full working order.

On the 27th July, at Portage la Prairie, I constituted Marquette Lodge No. 21, and installed its officers. Grand Treasurer Johnson and other brethren from Winnipeg accompanied me, and the Portage brethren did all in their power to make the visit a pleasant one, and I need hardly say succeeded admirably.

The other lodges to which warrants were granted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge have been constituted and the officers installed by brethren commissioned to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

The correspondence required during the year has been somewhat laborious and the information asked quite extensive, but generally only such as would naturally be expected where nearly all the W. Masters are occupying that honorable station for the first time. To the best of my judgment and knowledge I have answered the questions and given the information asked in each

case, or whenever a record of the same appeared necessary to be kept I have instructed the Grand Secretary what to reply.

I am happy to be able to report that it has not been necessary to give any decisions.

DEFALCATION OF LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

In July and August several complaints were made to me of the late Grand Secretary's delay in answering correspondence and in various ways neglecting the duties of his office. On different occasions I remonstrated with him. He always expressed regret and promised a more faithful discharge of his duties in the future. During a part of September and most of October I was away from the city. About the end of October from certain circumstances that came to my knowledge I began to fear that there was something wrong in his accounts with Grand Lodge. I therefore called upon him, when he acknowledged that he had been using for his own private purposes funds belonging to Grand Lodge that he should have handed over to the Grand Treasurer, and which he was totally unable to replace. He also tendered his resignation of the office of Grand Secretary. This I did not accept, but at once had all the books, papers and other documents belonging to Grand Lodge removed. A hasty examination of the books showed him to be a defaulter for several hundred dollars, and to which he acknowledged. The report of the present Grand Secretary will state the amount so far discovered. I then issued an edict removing him from the office of Grand Secretary and suspending him from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. I also appointed Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. G. Scott Grand Secretary until this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. By my direction the President of the Board of General Purposes called a meeting of the Board to deal further with the matter. When the Board met it was found that he had left the country and "gone south," leaving his wife and children in necessituous circumstances, who have to some extent been relieved by some of the brethren. The matter has been a very painful one, and, I trust, will cause Grand Lodge to be more careful in its selection of officers in the future.

THANKS.

I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm.

G. Scott for the very efficient aid given and the valuable services rendered since he accepted the office of Grand Secretary. A great amount of work has been thrown upon him by the neglect of the former Grand Secretary; and in fact he has within the last three months had to do the work of nearly the whole year.

STATE OF THE LODGES.

There will be laid before you the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts. These reports will explain fully the state of nearly all the lodges under our jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's report, which will be laid before you, will show in detail the amounts of his receipts and disbursements and the present financial standing of Grand Lodge,

The Grand Secretary will also report to you the various matters that have come within his official knowledge, and will also give full statistical information.

In this connection I would strongly recommend that each lodge be supplied at once with an historical register to contain the following, viz. :—List of charter members, the date of issuing the warrant, names of Grand Lodge officers whose signature appear on same, list of officers of the lodge for each year since its organization, with space for continuation of same year by year, to be followed by the names of members with columns for dates of initiations, passings, raisings, joinings, and name of mother lodge, deaths, suspensions, withdrawals, etc. There are so many inaccuracies in returns received that a complete and uniform system of keeping lodge registers is absolutely necessary.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with foreign and sister Grand Lodges during the past year have been of the most fraternal and harmonious character.

At the last Annual Communication I reported that new Grand Lodges had been formed in Arizona and Peru and were asking recognition. Action, however, was deferred for a year. In addition to these I have now to call your attention to the question of recognizing the new Grand Lodges of Victoria, Spain and Mexico.

Another manifesto has been received from the spurious Grand Lodge of Ontario, but no further action is required than that Worshipful Masters of lodges be warned to be on their guard and not to admit as visitors any hailing from it.

On the recommendation of the Grand Masters of their respective Grand Lodges, the following commissions have been issued to representatives near foreign Grand Lodges since last Annual Communication :

November 6th.—Freedom H. Church, (in place of Rt. Wor. Bro. Ashbrood, left jurisdiction), Utah.

November 7th.—John D. Shurtliff, Vermont.

November 16th.—Wm. T. Mitchell, Michigan.

December 1st.—Matthew M. Millar, Kansas.

December 4th.—John H. Hubbs, Nevada.

December 19th.—John W. Widderfield, Colorado.

January 10th.—J. J. Spencer, Oregon ; W. H. Rolling, Virginia; W. H Ruby, Maryland.

On my recommendation the following representatives have been appointed near this Grand Lodge since last Annual Communication :—

John L. Boultbee, Portage la Prairie.....Kansas.
Thomas Clark, Winnipeg, (in place of John W. Harris, time expired)...Iowa.
W. H. Seach, Winnipeg.....Colorado.
Wm. McDonald, Pilot Mound.....Nevada.
S. A. Cornell, Rapid City, (in place of John H. Bell, resigned)....Louisiana.
W. R. Black, Portage la Prairie.....Virginia.
Alex. G. McKenzie, Stonewall.....Oregon.
Alex. Nicol, Gladstone.....Maryland.
Roderick McCuaig, Portage la Prairie.....Arkansas.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts does not appoint or receive representatives.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, for four years, with all the time and attention I could give, and to the best of my knowledge and ability, I have wielded the gavel of the Grand East. I hope you will soon permit me to place the emblem of authority in worthier and abler hands. Permit me again to express my best thanks for the honor you have so often conferred upon me, and for the kindness, consideration and

courtesy I have always received at your hands. I cannot close this address without placing before you a few thoughts gathered from various sources, which experience teaches cannot be too often recalled to memory.

Let us then not forget that one of the lessons which Masonry teaches is to think better of the world in which we live, and especially of our brethren, and so to value the one as to think it worth while to try and make it nobler and better, and of the others as to never be willing to have the bonds of brotherhood broken.

Money can buy many things, both good and evil; but all the wealth of the world cannot buy one real genuine friend, and could not repay us the loss of one. We are but foolish spendthrifts if we let one friend drop off through inattention, or let one thrust another aside, or if we hold aloof from one for petty jealousy or heedless slight. One good friend, or one true Masonic brother is not to be weighed against the jewels of earth. Will you lose one because he is unkind or unjust to you? Will you not remember your own failings and forgive him? If there come coolness or unkindness between you do not revile him behind his back, but come face to face and have an explanation. Life is too short to quarrel in or to carry black thoughts of friend or brother. Come together quickly before love grows cold; clasp hands and let the past be, for a friend or brother is too precious to be lightly thrown aside. A new one will not come for the calling, nor make up for the old one if he does come.

Surrounded by our symbols, sanctified by antiquity, we are taught wise and useful lessons. I need not repeat to you in detail what those lessons are. No one who devotes himself to them can ever regret it, for those lessons, if well learned and practised will enable him to bear adversity without impatience, and prosperity without arrogance or vanity. Teach him to cherish loving kindness for his fellows, judge charitably of their actions, and unjustly censuring no one's opinions, he may enjoy the blessings of the warm, cordial sympathies of a genuine brotherhood.

To make our institution the great benefactor of mankind nothing is needed, except that its members shall prove equal to the

mission undertaken by them, true to their obligations and worthy of their titles. The foundations have been well laid; the beginnings have been glorious; it needs now only that those shall not be wanting who must complete the structure. There are those who can rightly counsel, exhort and inspire, and if members are not wanting for the execution, are not unworthy because lukewarm and indifferent, Freemasonry will neither die nor decay, but reap a rich harvest of the truest glory.

These results to which we can and should all contribute, may not come during our little day of life; but every one of us may make the teachings of our ritual of inestimable blessing to himself. We may make it a habit for ourselves to think charitably, speak kindly and act justly, to meet with all men upon the level, to act with them according to the plumb, and part with them upon the square.

"The good seed sown with open hand
Is never sown in vain.
Our Father who in Heaven is,
Gives sunshine, dew and rain,
Until the ripening autumn brings
The sheaves of golden grain.
Thus bread upon the waters cast
Comes unto us again.

"No Mason true can walk in vain
Life's pleasant shaded ways,
Not helping those who fainting toil,
Or count the workless days;
For 'soul that gives is soul that lives'
To bear another's load,
Makes light our own, makes short the way,
Makes bright the homeward road."

Finally, my brethren, may we, like the good man of old, neither vex the stranger nor oppress him. Within our portals may the weary find rest and the persecuted protection. May the wayfarer ever find food, and the head that is houseless and homeless a shelter. May the beneficence and charity of our fraternity fall, like soft rain upon parched places, gladdening the afflicted as the dews gladden the green leaves, and give new life to the thirsting flowers, so that when it comes to us to die, it may be truly said

that we did good in our day and generation ; that our titles were not unworthily worn, and our badges not merely unmeaning ornaments And may we all so live and perform the duties God imposes upon us here, that when we lie down to our last sleep in the narrow grave, His angels may crown our souls with sweet flowers, freshly gathered from the lawns of Paradise.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN HEADLEY BELL,
Grand Master.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

WINNIPEG, OR NO. I DISTRICT.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 30th, 1884.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

In accordance with recognized custom, I herewith hand in my report on the condition of Masonry in the District over which you did me the honor of calling upon me to preside.

As flows the deep and mighty river ever onward in its course to the boundless ocean, where its waters become merged and are lost in the majestic waves of the restless tide, in like manner has the stream of time carried us onward another year nearer that boundless ocean of eternity, whose ripples never lap a shingly beach, nor whose waves dash with angry force against a rock-bound shore, of whose mysteries we know so little, and whose depths we never, never fathom ; or from whose watery wastes we see no glimmer of a returning sail ; or, as the great bard so fitly puts it, "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns ;" various have been the scenes through which the rushing stream of time has borne us onward, giving us but little time to view the surrounding beauties ere another vista opens to our gaze ; whilst now and then we pause, as if the angry waters had spent their fury, and then, with our fellow-travellers, we enjoy the scenes and pleasures through which we are passing.

Such, in some way, has been our Masonic year. The duties, as rocks in the rapids, have we had to contend with, but glad pleasures, like the peaceful ripples of a summer tide, have also been ours, and thus, between duties and pleasures, the year has quickly, too quickly passed away.

I am able to report to this M.W. Grand Lodge that there has been during the past year, a large increase of members, as well as a large proportion of them being of that high standard of mental attainments which makes them doubly welcome to our ranks, for the material introduced amongst us this year has been of a high grade.

I feel extremely pleased to be able to report to you the fact that such a large number of Masons, who had been amongst us for some length of time, have at last affiliated with us, and consequently instead of being a source of weakness to us, are now adding most materially to the beautifying and strengthening of our Masonic Temple.

It is matter for regret that after examining the members' and visitors' register of the lodges which I visited, I find the names of so many of our oldest members seldom if ever appear in the books as having attended to their masonic duties. I feel that this is a state of affairs that should not exist, and the fact comes home to me most forcibly that were it not for the continual infusion of new blood, we should gradually droop and die. How this state of things is to be remedied I hardly know—perhaps by making our meetings more interesting, by the introduction during some part of the evening of songs, readings, recitations, etc. By so doing more members might be induced to attend ; for it cannot be denied that though our degrees in themselves are perfect gems, and masterpieces of composition, yet by continual repetition they become to some old and tiresome, and as a consequence that interest is not taken in our lodge work that we are led to expect. By doing something of the kind mentioned, our members might be induced to be more regular attendants to their lodge duties, and take that vital interest which would so materially add to our welfare. This state of affairs comes home to me most forcibly from the fact that our average attendance is only twenty per cent., which I think you will agree with me, in so far as the percentage, is very small.

It had been my intention to have held lodges of instruction in both works, but in looking up the Constitution I found that this did not come in the province of the D. D. G. M.—hence took no action. I would, however, ask this Grand Lodge to make such provision as will enable this official to carry out this object. I would also ask this Grand Lodge to make it compulsory in subordinate lodges to forward to the D. D. G. M. copies of their by-laws, their summonses for their regular and emergent meetings ; also notices of the rejection of applicants for initiation or affiliation, as well as applications for dispensations, these latter simply to be sent through him to the Grand Master, in order that he may give reasons to the Grand Master why they should be granted, or otherwise. If these suggestions, as well as others that could be mentioned, are carried out, you will materially strengthen the hands of your D. D. G. M's, thereby enabling them to carry out and to understand their duties better ; which will also as a consequence define more particularly the relations of lodges to these officers, besides being advantageous to the better carrying out of some of those clauses in our Constitution which are somewhat ambiguous.

During the past year I visited Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 once officially. I should have visited it again, but for the fact that the Deputy Grand Master had signified his intention of so doing on the very evening on which it had been my intention to do so. However, as this is the lodge in which I was brought to light, and of which I am still a member, and having missed but one or two of its regular meetings during the past year, I feel that I am quite able to report intelligently. The work done will compare favorably with that of other years. It is fairly prosperous, and, I believe, out of debt. In fact it would have had a good surplus, but they saw fit to purchase a new set of regalia at a cost of about two hundred dollars, as well as fifty dollars subscription to the General Hospital, which depleted their treasury. Too much praise cannot be given the I. P. M. for the important assistance he has at all times rendered, and which has been one of the chief factors in keeping it up to its old standard. I cannot close my report on this lodge without expressing my regrets that it has seen fit to affiliate a Mason whose application came in as a fellow-craft, and on the evening that he became a Master Mason, he was admitted a member of the Lodge without another month having elapsed ere he was permitted to join, it would be well, I think, to look into this matter and see what remedy is necessary to make the brother a regular member, for, at present, it seems to me, that he is irregularly a member of the Lodge.

LISGAR LODGE, NO. 2.

This lodge I visited but once, in the month of December. I found them well up in their work. However, one would expect nothing else under the fostering care of their late W. M., assisted by two brethren holding high Masonic rank, such as they have with them. The work of this Lodge is equal to any in the district, whilst financially, they are the superior of any. All honor to them then, who, but a short time since, had a large deficiency, whilst now they have a surplus of nearly five hundred dollars. The brethren gave me and Bro. Greenfield, of P. R. Lodge, who accompanied me, a right royal welcome, and I shall not soon forget their many courtesies whilst with them. This lodge also gave a subscription to the General Hospital, an example which might well be copied by others.

ANCIENT LANDMARK NO. 3.

I am sorry to have to report that this Lodge has not maintained its pre-eminence owing to different causes, principally, however, from the fact that, early in the year, the W. M. and J. W. both left the jurisdiction and, of course, were not able to attend to their duties. Still, in face of this, the work done has been very creditable, and, I feel certain that, under their new officers who have just been installed, this year's record will not be behind that of its most prosperous one.

ST. JOHN'S NO. 4.

This Lodge cannot have too much praise given it, but, for fear you may accuse me of flattering them, I shall simply say that my sincere wish is, that

this year and every succeeding year may find its work as well done, and its finances in as prosperous condition, when, if the wish should be verified, then it will be a pattern to all the other lodges. And, if they succeed in their emulation, then Masons in this district will never have to blush, and will be an example for others to follow.

HIRAM NO. 5.

This lodge I have not visited from a variety of causes. Had I not known that the Grand Master has been a regular attendant, I should most certainly have made more strenuous efforts to have done so. Owing, however, to the fact above mentioned, I did not deem a visit necessary, as where the master hand directs, what need for the apprentice.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE NO. 10.

It has been my pleasant duty to pay to this lodge two official visits, and on both occasions I witnessed exemplifications of work that would be difficult to equal, and impossible to excel. The W. M. has again for the third time been elected to fill the oriental chair, which is sufficient evidence, I think, of the appreciation in which he is held by the members of the lodge. Besides being the best evidence I can give you of the power of his guiding hand, its books are a pattern of neatness, and its finances are in a prosperous condition. The W. M. of this lodge sticks closer to the Constitution than any other, with perhaps one exception.

PEQUONGA LODGE NO. 22.

I made my official visit to this lodge in June last, and found things working smoothly. A most intense desire seems to be shown to do everything constitutionally, which desire might easily be copied by some of the other lodges, and masonic law would not suffer thereby. The W. M. was well up in his work, and takes a most active interest in the well-being of his lodge. He evidently believes in the old saying that whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well. He is ably assisted by his officers. Its finances are in good shape. Some little time ago this lodge, along with a greater portion of Rat Portage, was visited by the fire fiend and burned out; but by the forethought of its members, they had themselves insured; and as they say "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good," the result is they are getting a much more commodious hall, which they badly needed, besides having the wherewith to furnish it. The insurance question is one which ought to be seen after by every lodge in the district. In my visitation to this lodge, I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Simpson and Bro. McArthur, and I am certain that I only re-echo their sentiments when I say that our stay with the brethren of Pequonga Lodge was of such a pleasant nature that we should only be too glad to have a repetition of it.

IONIC LODGE, U. D.

Ionic Lodge has been, if I may use the term, a pet of mine, because I felt that they would fill a gap, by inducing a large number of unaffiliated Masons

to join them, which they have done. When they applied for their Dispensation, I recommended it strongly, and have had no reason to regret it. However, I did not stop at that, but have since watched their course very closely, in order that I might be able to report intelligently on the advisability of their getting a warrant; and as a result of my observations, I have no hesitation in saying that I shall be only too glad to endorse any recommendation that the Grand Master may make to you for the purpose of giving them a number; and shall feel that this lodge will be one that will never cause the most skeptical Mason to say that it should never have been chartered. The work of this lodge, under the rule of its W. M. and officers, conjointly with the zeal displayed by its members, is of such a nature as would cause feelings of pleasure to pervade any one witnessing it. Its books and finances are in good shape.

When making my official visits to the city lodges, I invariably impressed on them the great need for providing a proper channel through which an equitable distribution of necessary relief might be made to needy and distressed Masons' widows and children; and it affords me the greatest pleasure of all the many pleasures that I have during the past year received at the hands of the brethren, to be able to report to this M. W. Grand Lodge that the initiatory steps have been taken for the formation of a joint Board of Relief. This, I think we shall all say, is a step in the right direction. I cannot leave this subject without expressing the appreciation it has always afforded me of witnessing the quick and hearty response that is always made to any appeal for relief by the brethren of this district; and it cannot, I am sure, but be gratifying to us all to know that the principles of our Order in this respect are so practically applied and so faithfully adhered to.

I am sorry to have to report that Death, the king of terrors, has been amongst us, and taken from our midst three brethren, viz.: Bro. J. M. Macdonnell, of Northern Light Lodge No. 10; Bro. R. Stalker, of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3; and Bro. McVicar, of Hiram Lodge No. 5. Their river has run and become merged in the great ocean of eternity. Having fought the good fight on earth here below, they have been called to the Grand Lodge above, there to dwell with the Great Architect of the Universe, who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. I would recommend that a page be set apart in our Proceedings to their memory, and a copy be forwarded to their relatives.

There is a matter which I deem of such importance as to be specially mentioned, and that is, the great irregularity which exists in the manner in which the lodges allow their lodge registers to fall in arrears, and would therefore ask that this Grand Lodge place on record, that this grave irregularity cannot be permitted to continue another year; for, if the Grand Lodge register should happen to be destroyed, I do not see how it could be replaced—it would certainly have to be from some other source than the records of the private lodges.

Another thing which the outgoing D. D. G. M. can perhaps better mention

is the fact that not a single lodge has seen fit to vote anything towards defraying the expenses of the office, neither have they taken any steps towards providing the regalia necessary for the use of this officer, when paying his official visits. As both of these matters are strictly within the province of the lodges in the district, I would ask this Grand Lodge to suggest to them, that they make some provision for the carrying out of these objects.

In conclusion, I wish to convey my thanks to Prince of Wales Lodge at Minnedosa, for their kind invitation to their ball in celebration of St. John's Day, and should certainly have accepted it, but for the fact that the brethren in Winnipeg were holding a supper, and, as head of the district, I felt it my duty to be with them; also to thank Pequonga Lodge, of Rat Portage, for their courtesy also, and to express my regret that their ball had to be postponed, owing to the part of the hall in which they were going to hold it being destroyed by fire, as well as a large portion of the town; also to tender my most hearty thanks to the brethren of the district individually, for the many kind acts of courtesy which I have received at their hands, and can assure them that I shall ever look back to the year 1883 with feelings of the most intense pleasure and gratification.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I am fraternally,

ALFRED PEARSON,
D. D. G. M.
No. 1, or Winnipeg District.

EMERSON, OR NO. 2 DISTRICT.

DOMINION CITY, February, 1884.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

I beg leave to submit to you a report of work done by me in my official capacity as D. D. G. M. of District No. 2; and would say that I visited Emerson Lodge No. 6, on the 24th day of June. I found a number of brethren in attendance. The chair was occupied by the W. M., Bro. Smith, who performed his work in a very creditable manner. Bro. Smith, W.M., and the Senior Warden of the Lodge, have since left Emerson, and a dispensation was granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. John Headley Bell, to Bro. Lamont, an affiliated Past Master of that lodge, to preside over the lodge until next annual election of officers, which takes place in June next.

King Solomon Lodge No. 8 I have not been able to visit, although I made several attempts to get there. But I have reason to believe, judging from their past history, that everything is running smoothly and prosperously.

Oakland Lodge No. 9 still stands in the same position as it did at last annual communication of Grand Lodge. It still holds its Charter, but has not held any meetings during the year.

I visited Belmont Lodge No. 13, on the 18th day of December, and found the W. M., Bro. C. F. Collins, in his place, and both able and ready to do his work. I witnessed the conferring of degrees, which was done according to our ancient customs. This was also their night for the election of officers, which was proceeded with in the usual Masonic manner. The books of this lodge are very well kept.

I visited Pembina Lodge No. 20, on December 17th. I found a very good attendance of brethren waiting my arrival, as they had previously learned that I would make their lodge an official visit that night. The W. M., Bro. Wm. McDonald, occupied the chair. We witnessed the conferring of degrees and the election of officers, the performance of which, although not perfect, was done remarkably well, considering the way our Past Grand Secretary (Bro. LeCappellain) had used them, as I learned from them that they had been notified by that officer to send down the books of the lodge to Winnipeg for inspection, which they did, but did not get them back again until after repeated applications to Bro. LeCappellain, and a continuous absence of the books from the lodge for a period of five months, which reduced the lodge to a rather dormant condition, thereby not being able to hold meetings for most part of the summer of 1883. But I am satisfied from the fine looking men and the warm-hearted Masons that I found at Pilot Mound that if they got half the chance which some of us more fortunate here have got, they would stand head and shoulders above us in the beauties of Masonry. Their lodge room, although not presenting an altogether finished appearance, is large enough and very warm and comfortable, but it has not yet been dedicated.

I was unfortunate enough to be out at Pilot Mound on my official visit when the strike on the C. P. R. occurred, which made it very inconvenient and expensive for me, but I succeeded in getting home again after an absence of eight days, and an expenditure of $50 in cash.

I have not said much about the financial standing of these lodges, but, from casual remarks passed by some of their members, I would suppose that their surplus cash is not a burden to them.

I would suggest that for the year 1884, this Grand Lodge appoint some expert brother to travel continuously among the subordinate lodges, holding meetings of instruction whenever practicable; and that this Grand Lodge provide some means for defraying the expenses of the same. As I fear that unless something of this kind is done many of our old landmarks will be lost sight of by some of the lodges.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration..

D. G. DICK.
D. D. G. M. District No. 2.
G. R. M.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, OR NO. 3 DISTRICT.

24th Januray, 1884.

John H. Bell, Esq., 32°, M. W. G. M., Grand Lodge, Manitoba.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BRO.,—Another year has rapidly rolled by since I presented to you my last annual report, and, in conformity to general usage, I present you with my third report. I am sorry that I have been so placed the past season that I could not visit and examine the lodges in my district in a stricter manner and examine them a little closer than I did, but, as it was, with one exception, I think I visited them all.

GLADSTONE, NO. 12.

In September I paid this lodge a visit. I was accompanied by my worthy friend and brother, R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, and by W. Bro Marlatt and Bro. Ferris. It was a beautiful autumn day, and after a very enjoyable ride without any mishaps we arrived there. In the evening, assisted by my worthy brothers, I dedicated their new hall. It is very superior to their old one, and, I trust, the day is not far distant when they will move into better quarters. After the dedicatory services and W. Bro. Morton had assumed the chair, they examined a brother as to his proficiency in the Second, and he passed a very creditable examination. They then raised him to the Third or Sublime Degree. Bro. McGregor, the S. W., acted as S. D., and to him in a great measure must credit be given as to the able manner in which the ceremony was conducted. I have not heard who has taken the East, but W. Bro. Morton had not the energy and vim that I would like to see a Master possess. That Lodge has always been blessed with good, careful, painstaking Secretaries, and, I trust, they have retained Bro. Chambers, for he certainly makes a capital one. I think they are on a good financial basis, and, being for the most part composed of farmers, they will not run into debt unnecessarily. They tendered us a banquet which, I think, was done more for the purpose of hearing my associates talk. I always look upon my visits there with a great deal of pleasure, and trust they may prosper and continue to grow.

STONEWALL, NO. 11.

Of this lodge I cannot say much, but can report that they are flourishing, and, while my good brother keeps the money, it is not likely they will go far astray. I was thankful to notice that at last I can report in a favorable manner as to the books. In Bro. Wyberg they have at last got a competent, painstaking Secretary, and long may they keep him. From appearances they have good, active officers the coming year, and will make themselves heard another year. I was out to see them, but the night being cold and no work, W. Bro. McKenzie did not call them together, so I had no idea how they worked. I was sorry, but it could not be helped.

ASSINIBOINE, NO. 7.

I visited this lodge several times the past season. W. Bro. Marlatt makes a

very fair Master, and what work he did do was creditably done. I think he will excel this year, assisted as he is by such able Wardens. The S. D. is a very enthusiastic Mason, and takes great pride in getting his part perfect. The Secretary removed from there and his place was filled by a brother temporarily, who, I am sorry to say, could not fill the office. But their present Secretary, I am almost confident, will make as good as in my district. They received very good material and are in a more flourishing condition than they were.

MARQUETTE, NO. 21.

This lodge I visited several times and I was surprised at the manner in which they did their work. I was sorry W. Bro. Boultbee could not find his way clear to be his own successor, but I trust the choice of the lodge has fallen on a brother as painstaking, as thorough, and as energetic as he, and, from the way in which that brother filled the West, I think they have. They made very good selections in the other offices, and particularly in Secretary. I did not ascertain how they stood financially. I was sorry that I was unable to be with them and Assiniboine the evening the new hall was dedicated, and can only say that I am pleased with their new abode. It is not so convenient as it might be, but is such a vast improvement on the old. I hope both lodges will prosper and be as careful in the future as in the past, as to whom they admit into the mystic circle.

I was sorry I could not visit the lodge at Neepawa, but I heard good accounts from it, and feel confident it is in good hands, and trust they will be granted a charter at this Session.

I think I can say that, without an exception, the lodges in my district have good, experienced brothers as Masters. Brothers who will do the work entrusted to them in a superior manner, and that they are assisted by able Wardens ; and, for the first time, I can state they have good Secretaries, and as a whole can compare with any district in our grand jurisdiction. In conclusion I want to see lodges retain brothers as their Masters a second year who have done well the first. As a general thing a lodge does better every way that adopts this practice, and, I trust, lodges will act on this. Thanking you, M. W. Bro., for the many kindnesses received in the past,

I remain, dear sir and M. W. Bro.,

Yours, fraternally,

CHAS. H. HOUSE,
D. D. G. M.
Portage la Prairie District.

RAPID CITY, OR NO. 4 DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

As Deputy District Grand Master for the Western or No. 4 District, I have the honor to submit the following report :

On the 28th February last I received my commission from the Rt. Wor. the Grand Secretary.

Until lately our town has been off the line of railway about forty miles. We have only had a mail three times per week ; therefore, I have received several communications from the Grand Secretary and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master too late to allow me to take part in work as proposed.

My district, covering so large an extent of territory, necessarily makes my report very short from the fact that I have been unable to visit the lodges in the district, owing to their great distances apart, and all travel having to be done by driving. In fact the expenses would be so large that I thought it not justice to myself during these dull times to undertake it.

During the year I have received petitions from brethren of Milford, Souris, and Carberry, praying for Dispensations, and from recommendations accompanying them, I have forwarded the same to the Grand Secretary, advising the granting of Dispensations in each case. I have conversed with a large number of the brethren in the district, and have no hesitation in saying that Masonry is in a most flourishing condition throughout the whole district.

Numbers of the brethren from Birtle, Strathclair, and Newdale, have intimated that they would shortly apply for Dispensations to organize in their several towns.

Acting under instructions from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on October 26th I visited Corinthian Lodge, Rapid City, to adjudicate on a difficulty between the lodge and Bro. Hawkesworth, when, upon examination of the minutes of the meeting of trial, I found that the charge had been irregularly preferred, viz., at an emergent meeting, and not at a regular communication ; and that the charges preferred had not been proven by evidence. From these facts I dismissed the case against Bro. Hawkesworth, which seemed to give general satisfaction to the brethren.

This Lodge (Corinthian) has been laboring the past year under financial difficulties, but I am happy to hear that they have now got matters in a good sound shape, and that future prospects are bright. During my visit I intimated that I would be pleased to visit their lodge officially at their following regular communication, but never having received a notice of such meeting since, this visit has never been made.

My own Lodge, Prince of Wales, Minnedosa, is in a most prosperous condition, and the work is being performed in a highly creditable manner. We have largely added to our numbers during the past year, and under W. Bro. Leslie, assisted by W. Bro. Robertson's guidance, new material of the best quality has been added to the roll, with plenty more applying for the coming year and a good balance in the treasury.

Brandon has completed a magnificent new hall, and deservedly takes rank amongst the foremost lodges of the province.

In conclusion, I have to very strongly urge the division of my District, and making, say two districts, being called No. 4, or Minnedosa, and No. 5, or Brandon. The boundaries of said districts I am prepared to point out. Then I am satisfied that the D. D. G. M.'s can visit all the lodges, and organize any new ones that may apply, thereby keeping the Order together in a harmonious and brotherly friendship.

My congratulations are heartily given to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge on the rapid increase of the order in my district, and that a large share of the good result is due to his (the Grand Master's) kindly feeling and help to the brethren.

All of which I most respectfully submit.

J. A GRIFFITH,
D. D. G. M.
Western, or No. 4 District.

Minnedosa, Feb. 12th, 1884.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. George Black, seconded by V. W. Bro. James Levy, and

Resolved, That the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

R. W. Bro. John J. Johnston, Grand Treasurer, submitted his Annual Report as follows:—

Dr. JOHN J. JOHNSTON, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.* *Cr.*

1883.			
	To balance on hand from last year.....		$827 70
April 17.	To cash from H. D. P. LeCappellain, G. S.		20 50
Dec. 3.	" W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y....		69 50
24.	" " "		133 25
1884.			
Jan. 9.	" " "		55 50
11.	" " "		63 80
28.	" " "		220 50
31.	" " "		30 50
Feb. 2.	" " "		67 00
2.	" " "		30 00
8.	" " "		118 50
12.	" " "		255 09
12.	" " "		55 05
13.	" " "		69 00
			$2015 89

Date of Payment.	No.		
1883.		Orders paid as follows:	
Feb. 16.	88	Board of Trade Hotel, refreshments for G. Lodge.....	$42 00
20.	89	Winnipeg Sun, advertising and printing...	18 75
20.	90	Manitoba Free Press "	6 00
20.	91	Winnipeg Times "	7 50
20.	92	Paid Grand Secretary, cablegram, Al Moghreb Al Aksa	9 95
20.	93	D. McArthur, services as Grand Tyler ...	15 00
20.	94	A. Pearson, use of hall for Grand Lodge..	15 00
20.	95	H. D. P. LeCappellain, services as Grand Secretary, 1882.....	200 00
Mar. 15.	96	H. Newell, engrossing Warrants	70 00
Apr. 12.	97	James Henderson, balance due, services as Grand Secretary	5 00
16.	98	J. B. Trayes, printing Constitution	135 00
Nov. 6.	99	J. B. Trayes, " "	133 80
6.	100	Manitoba Free Press, prtg Proceedings, &c	121 05
6.	101	Alex. Taylor, stationery, &c.....	11 85
1884.			
Jan. 9.	102	A. Rowe & Co., advertising Brandon Emergent, Aug. 23, 1883	3 00
9.	103	Walker & May, printing Edicts.....	6 50
9.	104	Wm. G. Scott, draft for G. Lodge diplomas	101 80
28.	105	John W. Winnett, Form Case for Grand Secretary's office.....	35 00
Feb. 11.	106	Alex. Taylor, stationery, &c.....	5 35
11.	107	Manitoba Free Press, advertising.....	16 50
11.	108	Walker & May, printing, &c.....	5 25
11.	109	Wm. G. Scott, postage, telegraphing, &c	27 15
		Balance on hand.....1024 44	
			$2015 89

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN J. JOHNSTON, *Grand Treasurer.*

It was moved by W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, seconded by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, submitted his Repost as follows :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

In accordance with our constitutional requirements your Grand Secretary fraternally submits his Annual Report exhibiting all transactions of his office as may be of interest to your officers and members.

On November 6th, 1883, I was appointed to this office to fill the vacancy caused by the suspension of the late Grand Secretary. I assumed the duties with some hesitancy, as the work necessary to be done in the office was of a somewhat unpleasant nature, but the duties, however unpleasant, had to be performed.

On the date of my appointment I submitted a report to the Board of General Purposes, showing that the defalcations of the suspended brother amounted to five hundred dollars. This report was necessarily incomplete, as the information therein had to be ascertained from an examination of the correspondence on file in this office. There were also some entries in a daily journal, but none had been made in the cash book since February 17th, 1883.

In order that I might be enabled to submit a complete report to Grand Lodge at this session I requested each lodge in the jurisdiction to forward a statement of all remittances made by them to the late Grand Secretary since the close of our last Annual Communication. Only ten lodges have complied with this request, and from the information received I have prepared the following statement, showing the amounts misappropriated, also the names of lodges from which these amounts were received :—

Hiram Lodge No. 5	$18 00
Emerson Lodge No. 6	85 50
St. John's Lodge No. 4	76 00
Northern Light Lodge No. 10	10 00
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17	30 00
Pequonga Lodge No. 22	25 00
Wascana Lodge, U. D	10 00
Ionic Lodge, U. D	10 00
Moose Jaw Lodge, U. D	10 00
Neepawa Lodge, U. D	10 00
	$284 50

Brought forward	$284 50
On April 3rd, 1883, an order was issued to procure draft for J. B. Trayes, for printing Books of Constitution. The late Grand Secretary admitted having misappropriated this amount	135 00
Total amount of defalcations so far discovered	$419 50

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last Annual Communication, six hundred copies of our Annual Proceedings were printed and distributed in the usual manner.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Since November 6th, 1883, nine commissions have been issued from this office to Representatives of this Grand Lodge near sister Grand Lodges. Nine commissions have also been received for Representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge. Full particulars of these appointments will, I have no doubt, be given in the address of the M. W. Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication dispensations for the formation of new lodges were issued by direction of the M. W. Grand Master as follows :—

February 20th, 1883	Wascana Lodge	Regina, Assiniboia.
March 7th, 1883	Neepawa Lodge	Neepawa, Manitoba.
May 26th, 1883	Ionic Lodge	Winnipeg, Manitoba.
September 24th, 1883	Moose Jaw Lodge	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia
December 24th, 1883	Glenwood Lodge	Souris, Manitoba.
January 10th, 1884	Bow River Lodge	Calgary, Alberta.

The petitions for the foregoing dispensations, and the minute books of lodges are herewith submitted.

On February 4th, 1884, a petition was received, signed by eighteen brethren residing at Manitou, Manitoba, praying for a dispensation to empower them to form a lodge at that place, to be named Ionic Lodge. I immediately informed the brethren that there is a lodge U. D., in Winnipeg named "Ionic," and suggested that they choose another name. I also requested them to forward dimits or certificates of standing from the lodges of which they previously were members, the requirements of the Constitution in this respect not having been complied with. No reply has yet been received.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

The usual blank returns were sent to all lodges in the jurisdiction early in November, 1883, accompanied with a circular letter urging upon Secretaries the importance of promptly completing same and returning to this office.

Your Grand Secretary cannot but express disappointment and regret at the delinquency of lodges in forwarding their returns. By dint of persevering effort and the expenditure of a few dollars in telegraphing, all lodges, except two, have sent in their returns. I did not make use of the telegraph until I had written several letters to these delinquent Secretaries, whose indifference challenges the severest reprobation.

The Constitution requires that each lodge shall make its returns and payments semi-annually, on the 24th June and 27th December, or within ten days thereafter to the Grand Secretary. With commendable promptness about one-fourth of the lodges have complied with this requirement. The returns of Al. Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, and Pequonga Lodge No. 22, were found correct in every important particular.

The returns of the following lodges were found correct except the omission of the Christian names in full, viz. : Prince Rupert's No. 1, Northern Light No. 10, and Gladstone No. 11. The neatness of these returns and their correctness in every other particular deserves special mention.

I desire here to urge upon Secretaries the importance and necessity of giving the Christian names in full, the mere initials of a man's name is not sufficient. If the lodges would require every candidate who applies for initiation or membership to sign his name in full on the application, there would be less danger of confusion in names.

The returns of the following lodges were found incorrect, viz. :—Lisgar No. 2, Ancient Landmark No. 3, St. John's No. 4, Hiram No. 5, Emerson No. 6, Assiniboine No. 7, King Solomon No. 8, Stonewall No. 12, Belmont No. 13, Prince of Wales No. 14, Kinistino No. 16, Brandon No. 19, and Marquette No. 21.

A number of these returns have a discrepancy between the number of members on December 27th, 1882, and the number of names recorded in the abstract on June 24th, 1883. Some of these returns were sent back for correction ; others have been corrected by your Grand Secretary. Many of these discrepancies were caused by the carelessness of the Secretaries for the years 1882-3. Nearly all the lodges have now efficient officers in the S. E. corner, and they have promptly seconded my efforts to correct these discrepancies. All have not been corrected, but I trust that my successor will continue the good work until each lodge has a historical register containing a correct record of all work done since the date of organization. A book of this kind is absolutely essential in a proper keeping of the history, records and accounts, without which a correct return to Grand Lodge cannot be prepared.

The December returns of the following lodges were received within the time required by Constitution :—

Hiram No. 5, Northern Light No. 10, Gladstone No. 11, Stonewall No. 12, Al Moghreb Al Aksa No. 18, Brandon No. 19 and Pequonga No. 22.

The June returns of the following lodges have not been received :—Hiram No. 5, Assiniboine No. 7, and Saskatchewan No. 17.

LODGES IN ARREARS.

The following lodges are one year and over in arrears for dues, &c. :—Oakland No. 9, Corinthian No. 15, and Pembina No. 20.

OAKLAND NO. 9.

No returns have been received from this lodge since 1881, and I am reliably informed that no work has been done during the past two years. I trust that Grand Lodge at this session will instruct the D. D. G. M. of the district in which this lodge is located, to procure the warrant, books and papers and to return them to this office.

CORINTHIAN NO. 15.

No returns or payments have been received for 1883. I telegraphed Bro. S. A. Cornell to forward them without delay. He replied that they would be forwarded in a few days. Ten days have now elapsed and the promised returns have not been received.

PEMBINA NO. 20.

No returns have been received since December, 1882, but, as this lodge was without a minute book for over five months of the past year, they are not blameable for the delay in sending returns.

AL MOGHREB AL AKSA NO. 18.

The returns of this lodge were among the first received at this office, but no payments accompanied them. The ledger shows a balance of $66 due Grand Lodge. I am in receipt of a communication from the Secretary, in which he states that they have expended the sum of $408 in furnishing lodge room, &c., and requests this Grand Lodge to take its position into consideration, and either supply certificates gratuitously, or divide the amount of their value in five parts, which shall be paid one-fifth every half year, along with the corresponding dues of the six months. Owing to the unfortunate complications which this lodge has gone through, and having suffered considerable monetary losses through no fault of its own, I would recommend that this lodge be allowed to pay this amount in five half-yearly instalments of thirteen dollars and twenty cents ($13.20) each. These instalments to be paid with the dues of the corresponding six months, the first instalment to be payable on June 24th, 1884.

Before closing this part of my report under "Returns of Lodges," I beg to recommend that lodges be required to give the following information when sending in their semi-annual returns, viz. :

Number rejected on applications for initiations.
Number rejected on applications for affiliation.
Total rejected.

Amonnt received for initiations and degrees.
Amount received for dues.
Amount received from all other sources.
Total receipts.

Amount paid for relief.
Amount paid for current expenses.
Amount paid for other purposes.
Total payment.
Balance on hand.

Such a statement will enable Grand Lodge to intelligently decide when it is advisable to grant lodges an extension of time in the payment of their half-yearly dues.

Receipt of the following periodicals is thankfully acknowledged:—"Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Ill.; "Free Mason," London, Eng.; "Craftsman," Port Hope, Ont.; "Corner Stone," New York City; "Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.

SUMMARY.

The returns of subordinate lodges show a satisfactory growth of our Order during the year.

Total number initiated	198
" " passed	182
" " raised	176
" " joined	194
" " reinstated	1
" " dimitted	44
" " suspended, N. P. D.	35
" " " U. M. C.	2
" " died	7
Present membership	1092
Membership last year	809
Gain	283
Number of chartered lodges	22
Chartered lodge reporting largest membership— Prince Rupert's No. 1	97
Chartered lodge with smallest membership—Oakland No. 9	11
Number of lodges U. D	6

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

The delay in receiving the half-yearly returns and the labor and duties of the office have prevented your Grand Secretary from issuing certificates to brethren raised during the past year. A number of complaints have been received, but, I trust, with this explanation, the brethren will readily overlook the apparent neglect. There is no one fact in connection with the Grand

Lodge upon which the members generally are so little informed, as the amount of work in the Grand Secretary's office. The work of the last three months can be estimated by an examination of my postage account, which amounted to sixteen dollars and thirty cents. A daily journal is kept in which a memorandum is taken of every letter, postal card and circular sent from this office.

Before closing my report I deem it my duty to respectfully recommend that due acknowledgement be made to the officials of the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Companies for their courtesies in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the great assistance rendered by Bro. J. Y. Cain, of Prince Rupert's Lodge, in discharging the duties of Grand Secretary during my absence from the Province.

Annexed will be found a detailed statement showing the financial transactions of the office since November 6th, 1883. This, together with the receipts from the Grand Treasurer, all other vouchers, the cash book and ledger, are herewith submitted for examination.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved by W. Bro. John Boultbee, seconded by W. Bro. John K. Brydon, and

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

M. W. Bro. George Black, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following Annual Report :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.:

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit their Annual Report as follows :

Four meetings have been held during the year, at which the usual routine business was transacted.

At the first meeting M. W. Bro. George Black was elected Vice-President.

The manuscript copy of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication were closely examined by the Board previous to publication.

The action of the M. W. Grand Master in regard to the suspension of Bro. H. D. P. LeCappellain, was approved.

The term of office of the following members of your Board expires at this session :—R. W. Bros. J. J. Johnston and G. F. F. Carruthers, and V. W. Bros. James Levy, and John McKechnie. There are also two vacancies

caused by the suspension of Bros. James Henderson and H. D. P. LeCappellain.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, seconded by V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph, and

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Boad of General Purposes be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON LODGES U. D.

M. W. Bro. George Black, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report :

The Board beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the following lodges at present working under dispensation, and, having mad due enquiry into the circumstances stated in their applications, have much pleasure in recommending that Warrants be granted to them, viz. :

Wascana Lodge.....Regina, Assiniboia
Neepawa Lodge.....Neepawa, Manitoba.
Ionic Lodge.....Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Moose Jaw Lodge.....Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
Glenwood Lodge.....Souris, Manitoba.
Bow River Lodge.....Calgary, Alberta.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Secretaries of Ionic Lodge, Winnipeg, and Bow River Lodge, Calgary, for the neat and correct manner in which their minutes have been kept.

Your Board would also recommend that the Secretaries of Wascana, Neepawa, and Moose Jaw Lodges be requested to keep their minutes in accordance with the form laid down in the Book of Constitution.

Your Board would also recommend the following re-arrangement of the several Masonic Districts :

That No. 1, or Winnipeg District, comprise all the territory between the eastern boundaries of the Province and the First Principal Meridian, and between the northern boundaries and the Base Line between Townships six (6) and seven (7).

That No. 2, or Emerson District, comprise the Counties of Carillon, Manchester, Morris, Dufferin, and the east half of Rock Lake.

That No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District, comprise the Counties of Marquette, Portage la Prairie, Westbourne, Beautiful Plains, and the east half of Norfolk.

That No. 4, or Rapid City, be changed to No. 4, or Minnedosa District, to comprise the Counties of Minnedosa, Shoal Lake, Riding Mountain, and Russell.

Your Board would further recommend that two new districts be formed as ollows :

No. 5, or Brandon District, to comprise the Counties of Dennis, Souris, Brandon, Turtle Mountain, and the west halves of Norfolk and Rock Lake.

That No. 6, or Alberta District, comprise all the territory west of the western boundaries of Manitoba.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. McCuiag, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on Lodges U. D., be received and adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, asking that Grand Lodge to take into consideration the necessity of setting apart a certain sum of money for the relief and assistance of destitute Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by Bro. H. J. Raymer, that the election of officers for the ensuing year take place as soon as practicable after the opening of to-morrow evening's session of this Grand Lodge.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, seconded by Bro. John Montgomery, that the election of officers be held about 4 p. m. to-morrow.

The amendment was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow, he would move the usual money grants for salaries and expenses attending the present session of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet again on Thursday, the 14th February, at 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 14th February, 1884.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 p. m.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Committee on Credentials submitted a supplementary report showing the following Representatives from lodges as being present :

No. 24—Neepawa Lodge, Neepawa.—W. Bro. J. A. Davidson, W. M.

No. 25—Ionic Lodge, Winnipeg.—W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, W. M. ; Bro. James Dunlop, S. W. ; Bro. L. McMeans, J. W. ; W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, P. M. ; W. Bro. H. H. Smith, P. M. ; W. Bro. L. W. Coutlee, P. M. ; W. Bro. C. W. Clark, P. M. ; W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, P. M. ; W. Bro. J. E. Kenning, P. M.

No. 27—Glenwood Lodge, Souris.—W. Bro. James A. Ovas, W. M. ; Bro. James C. Stogh, S. W.

No. 28—Bow River Lodge, Calgary, Alberta.—R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, W. M.

CREDENTIALS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following credentials of representatives of sister Grand Lodges were presented and accepted by the Grand Lodge, and the Representatives saluted with the customary Grand Honors, viz. :—

By R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, for the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

By W. Bro. W. H. Seach, for the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

By W. Bro. John Boultbee, for the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

By W. Bro. A. G. McKenzie, for the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

By W. Bro. W. R. Black, for the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Grand Secretary presented and read the following communication from R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Iowa :—

CUSTOM HOUSE,
EMERSON, February 11, 1884.

WM. G. SCOTT, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.

I have been looking forward with pleasant anticipations for a length of time to the approaching session of our Grand Lodge, and my disappointment was very great when I received instructions from Inspector Mingaye to take charge of this Port until the arrival of the new Collector. This will render it impossible for me to be with you.

I regret this the more because the Grand Lodge of Iowa did me the honor of appointing me their Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and I was very anxious to be in my place, and assure the Grand Lodge that we are very fortunate in being on terms of friendship with such Grand Lodges as the one it is my privilege to represent.

Will you kindly express my regret that on this occasion my "cable tow" is too short, and accept my best wishes that this Session may be fraught with great benefit to our Royal Craft.

I am, dear sir and R. W. Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS CLARK.

Ordered, That the same be placed on file.

The Grand Secretary presented and read the following report :

REGENT STREET,
SIDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES,
31st December, 1883.

The M. W. Grand Master and Members Grand Lodge of Manitoba :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor, as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, to submit the following report :

During the year 1883, I am pleased to be able to say, that the progress of Freemasonry in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions has been rapidly going forward. Three new lodges have been consecrated with worthy men and brethren in the lead, and it is believed that there are several applications about to be made for charters. The older lodges in the jurisdiction are all increasing in numbers and influence, and, I think I may safely say that, with few exceptions, the material wrought upon has been of the right stamp. Since the annual election of officers in May last, and their installation in June, I think I can truly assert that, so far as the Metropolitan lodges are concerned, the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and other officers have been kept hard at work, and in very many cases this holds good also of the purely country lodges.

These officers generally have been proved to be able and willing to take the management of the work, and the brethren have done their part in assisting them.

I am pleased to have to report to you that upon July 2nd last, I had the honor, as your Representative, of accompanying the M. W. Grand Master of New South Wales and his Grand Lodge Officers to Melbourne, the capital city of the adjoining colony of Victoria. The occasion of our visit was the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Freemasons for Victoria, and this work, I am pleased to report, was most satisfactorily accomplished, the Grand Lodge organizing with Most Worshipful Brother the Hon. George Coppin as Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother Henry W. Holloway, 73 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, as Grand Secretary. I am given to understand that full information of the procedure adopted in the formation of this Grand Lodge has been forwarded to you, and accordingly would now simply remark that I satisfied myself that everything was in accordance with Masonic usage. I would therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba should follow the example already set by New South Wales and Montana, and cordially recognize the Grand Lodge of Victoria as a body entitled to fraternal communication. In this connection I may also say that in the colony of South Australia a Masonic Union has been formed, and, as with three exceptions, every lodge in that colony has carried a proposition pledging itself to support the Grand Lodge, I have no doubt that, within a month or two, it will be my pleasing duty to report that it has been duly and constitutionally established.

The event of the year, however, has been the consecration and dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Sydney, which has just been completed, for the use of the Freemasons hailing under the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The ceremony, which was the most imposing of any that has ever taken place in Australia, was conducted by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. A. W. Manning. The foundation-stone was laid by M. W. G. M. Hon. J. S. Farnell, on Nov. 9, 1881, and the work being completed, the Hall was opened on January 23rd, 1884, a little over two years rom the initial proceedings being taken. Some 700 brethren took part in the ceremony, the R. W. D. G. M., as before stated, taking the principal part. The M. W. G. M. was also present, and after the ceremony, delivered an eloquent oration in reference to the position of the Grand Lodge, which was now in fraternal communication with twenty-three other Supreme Masonic bodies, with other recognitions shortly expected. The M. W. Grand Lodge of New South Wales was assisted by the M. W. Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The ceremony was conducted with strict attention to Masonic usage, all the brethren of the Constitution uniting in doing their utmost to make it what it proved, an unqualified success. The same evening the M. W. Grand Master invited the visitors from Victoria and the Grand Lodge officers to a banquet at the Oxford Hotel, R. W. Bro. James Hunt, President of the Board of General Purposes, providing a sumptuous repast for all who attended. On the following day R. W. Bro. Dr. H. J. Tawrant, P. G. S. W., gave a picnic to the visitors, and in

the evening a grand ball was held in the large hall of the recently completed structure. During the week a banquet and harbor excursion were held in connection with the ceremonial, both of which were well attended by the brethren. The festivities may truly be said to have been carried on in every case with the greatest good feeling. A full report of the consecration ceremony as published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, our principal paper in Sydney, is forwarded herewith.

The M. W. Grand Master is Hon. J. Squire Farnell, Minister for Lands; and the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Nicholas Weeks, Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

I have the honor to be,
M. W. Sir and Brethren,
Fraternally Yours,
ALFRED BURNE,
Grand Representative
Grand Lodge of Manitoba near Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Ordered that the same be placed on file.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Master's Address:

Your Board, in taking up the consideration of the Grand Master's Address, cannot help pausing for a moment to gaze back with him upon the labors of the past and feel that, while the future stretches out before us full of glorious hopes and possibilities, we must remember that the present only is ours in which to mould results for time and eternity. Therefore it behoves us to bring to bear on the work that is before us our best energies, laying aside all personal prejudices and selfish motives, and with an unbiased mind to deal with every question on its merits only. Thus may we hope in the calm judicial light of reason to work out from the raw material placed in our hands the polished stones that assist in rearing the walls of our Masonic structure in this new land in such a manner as to redound to the welfare of the Craft and the glory of God.

Your Board note the fitting allusion to the death of our first Grand Master, the late M W. Bro. W. C. Clarke, in the Grand Master's Address. Those of us who knew him learned to esteem and honor him, and we can but with sorrow join with the Grand Master's tribute to his memory. Those who have been instrumental in laying the foundation stone of the Masonic Temple in the Province should ever hold a place in the memory of their brethren. Your Board recommends that a memorial page to Bro. Clarke be set apart in the proceedings of this Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board note the approval of By-laws of various lodges, and are glad to see that these young lodges recognize the necessity of adopting without delay suitable rules for their guidance, which will the better enable them to keep within the ancient landmarks.

Your Board observe that the M. W. G. M., with his usual readiness to associate Freemasonry with the material growth of the country, responded to the call of the brethren in different parts of the Province for the purpose of laying corner stones of important edifices. It is pleasing to note that it is becoming more generally felt that no structure of any consequence can be worthily commenced except under the auspices of the Craft.

Your Board notice that quite a number of dispensations have been granted for the formation of new lodges, and in every case apparently to most worthy applicants. We would recommend that after the usual investigation into the books, etc., if the same be found satisfactory, charters be granted during this session. The establishment of these new lodges is a pleasing indication that our Order is keeping pace with the rapid advance of population and settlement in this new country.

Your Board also notice that dispensations for other purposes have been granted, which the circumstances, though in some cases exceptional, seem to have warranted.

Your Board are glad to find that, owing to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Master has been relieved of the onerous duty of personally visiting lodges to the same extent as formerly, but observe that with his usual fostering care, he has personally supervised the younger lodges.

Your Board are gratified to find that few, if any, official decisions have been required, but are convinced that, owing to the formation of so many new lodges, a large amount of correspondence has been entailed and much advice needed.

Your Board note that the Grand Master has duly constituted those lodges to which charters were granted at the last Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board regret the circumstances which led to the suspension of our late Grand Secretary, and feel that in the premises no other line of action was open to the Grand Master. They are glad to find, however, that in this emergency R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, with his well known zeal, came so efficiently to the rescue, and thus tided over what might have been a very serious difficulty. Your Board, having thoroughly examined into the matter, would recommend that the late Grand Secretary, H. D. P. LeCappellain, be expelled.

Your Board cordially endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master regarding the necessity of keeping historical records by the different lodges, and trust that his recommendation will be carried into effect, and District Deputy Grand Masters should be required to see that this is done.

It is especially gratifying to your Board that our foreign relations with sister Grand Lodges continue to be of the most satisfactory nature.

With reference to the new Grand Lodges mentioned, we would suggest that a special committee be appointed to take into consideration their claims for recognition, and, if found satisfactory, the usual fraternal greetings be extended.

It is a subeject for regret that the spurious Grand Lodge of Ontario still remains as a blot on the Masonic escutcheon. Our lodges should be careful to see that no persons hailing from that spurious body are admitted to any of their privileges.

Your Board feel confident that the interests of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be safe in the hands of our Representatives appointed since our last Annual Communication near foreign Grand Lodges, and fraternally greet foreign Grand Lodges through their Representatives in our midst.

In conclusion your Board feel that the years of office to which the M. W. G. M. alluded have been but a fitting recognition by the Craft of the high Masonic attainments which so eminently qualify him for the exalted position.

Your Board beg to express their appreciation of the kind words of counsel and advice forming the conclusion of the Grand Master's Address, and trust that they may be fruitful of much good to the brotherhood.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Master's Address, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE REPORTS OF THE D. D. G. MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

The Board of General Purposes have had before them and have considered the reports of the various D. D. G. Masters, and are pleased to learn of the prosperous condition of Masonry in all parts of our territory.

A number of valuable suggestions and recommendations have been made in these reports, some of which have been, and will be acted upon at this Communication, others of them, affecting vitally our Constitution, should be introduced as notices of motion, to be acted upon at our next Annual Communication.

Your Board are pleased to note the faithful manner in which the D. D. G. Masters have performed their duties, visiting lodges at considerable personal inconvenience and expense. Your Board consider that lodges visited should, in each case, assume the expense, which would, therefore, be more equally divided.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the reports of the various D. D. G. Masters, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report :

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have made a thorough examination of the financial report of that officer, and have found the same correct. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by him as authorized by Grand Lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, seconded by Bro. John Montgomery, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Treasurer's report, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report :

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's report, beg leave to report that, owing to causes already explained, the books of Grand Lodge came into his hands in a somewhat incomplete shape, but, under his efficient supervision, they are now in as intelligible a form as is possible in the absence of returns from the lodges referred to in his report. Until these returns are all received it will be impossible to state the exact amounts due by or to the various lodges.

The continued negligence of lodges in forwarding returns must again be brought prominently before Grand Lodge. This is a matter which has been reported upon almost yearly, and your Board again suggests that our lodges be fully given to understand that, for the future, any violations of the Constitution in this particular cannot be overlooked, but that its provisions will be rigidly adhered to.

Lodges in arrears—Oakland No. 9.—The Board learns with regret the unsatisfactory state of this lodge, and suggests that the matter be left in the hands of the Grand Master to deal with as he sees fit.

Corinthian Lodge No. 15.—The Board note that this Lodge is behind hand with its returns, but doubt not they will be received shortly as promised.

Pembina Lodge No. 20.—Their excuse is certainly a valid one for their

dereliction in forwarding returns. We trust, however, that, in the interests of Masonry, it will be a long time before such inaccuracies can be traced to the Grand Secretary's office.

The Board endorse the recommendations of the Grand Secretary with reference to Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No 18.

The Board recommend that lodges be required to furnish the information and financial returns asked for by the Grand Secretary, in order to enable Grand Lodge to decide intelligently upon their condition.

The Board fully appreciates the efficient manner in which the Grand Secretary has discharged the onerous duties in connection with his office, and consider the subordinate lodges are themselves to a certain extent to blame for the delay experienced in receiving their certificates. Were the necessary returns promptly to hand it would much facilitate the smooth working of the official machinery.

It is with pleasure that the Board seconds the recommendation that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Companies, for their courtesy to members of this Grand Lodge.

The Board has made the usual examination of the books and accounts, and find them correct. All monies received have been promptly paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The Board observe with regret that Death appears to have been, as usual, busy, and reaped his harvest from among our members. We trust that Grand Lodge will see fit to set apart a memorial page in remembrance of our departed brethren.

The Board notes the list of suspended members, and regrets to observe among its numbers many for whom the excuse of either poverty or distress cannot be urged as a reason for non-payment of dues. While there is every reason to throw the mantle of charity over the shortcomings of those who, from circumstances beyond their control, are unable to keep their accounts even on the Grand Lodge books, we cannot be too severe in our strictures upon those who simply from carelessness or neglect permit themselves to fall so far in arrears as to merit the penalty of suspension. It is a matter for congratulation that the suspensions for other causes are only two in number.

In connection with the recent defalcation in the Grand Secretary's office, to which allusion has already been made, the Board would suggest that in future Grand Lodge provide Guarantee Bonds for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for such amounts as may be deemed necessary.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. McKeand, seconded by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Secretary's report, be received and adopted.

THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. M. Wellwood, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Companies for the courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication.

REMUNERATION TO GRAND OFFICERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. J. Johnston, and

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be voted to R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, for his services as Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, and

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be voted to Bro. Duncan McArthur, for services as Grand Tyler, and ten dollars to Bro. John McBride, for his services as Assistant Grand Tyler.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE PRINTED.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed under the supervision of the Board of General Purposes, not less than six hundred copies of the Proceedings of the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz. :—W. Bros. J. W. H. Wilson, L. W. Coutlee, and V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term, viz. :

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Winnipeg, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Minnedosa, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Calgary, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, Winnipeg, Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. John J. Johnston, Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M. W. Grand Master, viz. :

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Winnipeg, No. 1 or Winnipeg District.

R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, Dominion City, No. 2 or Emerson District.

R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie, No. 3 or Portage la Prairie District.

R. W. Bro. James Leslie, Minnedosa, No. 4 or Minnedosa District.

R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, Brandon, No. 5 or Brandon District.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett, Prince Albert, No. 6 or Alberta District.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, Winnipeg.

V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, to fill unexpired term of James Henderson (suspended.)

Subsequently the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz- :—

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Winnipeg.

R. W. Bro. G. F. Carruthers, Winnipeg, to fill unexpired term of H. D. P. LeCappellain (expelled.)

R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, Minnedosa, to fill unexpired term of Rev. J. M. Wellwood, elected Grand Senior Warden.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by Bro. J. Y. Cain, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. M. Bacon, of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, and Bro. Henry Goslin, of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, for efficient services rendered in copying reports.

It was moved by W. Bro. John Dickson, seconded by W. Bro. P. McGregor, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

In amendment it was moved by R. W. Bro. R. Meiklejohn, seconded by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. W. R. Black, seconded by W. Bro. L. W. Coutlee, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the Town of Portage la Prairie.

The amendment to the amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The amendment was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

THE GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 7 p.m

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 p.m.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, assisted by M. W. Brc. Rev. Canon Matheson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz. :—

V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Thomas Robinson, Winnipeg, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Geo. D. McVicar, Winnipeg, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " Wm. H. Seach, Winnipeg, Grand Sword Bearer.
" " Alfred Ashdown, Stonewall, Grand Organist.
" " D. Hope, Winnipeg, Grand Pursuivant.
R. W. " J. A. Griffith, Minnedosa, Grand Steward.
V. W. " John Dickson, Chater, " "
" " James A. Ovas, Souris, " "
" " S. R. Marlatt, Portage la Prairie, " "
" " John A. Davidson, Neepawa, " "
" " P. St. Clair McGregor, Gladstone, " "
" " John Lamont, Emerson, " "
" " Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg, " "

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge would express its profound sympathy with R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin in his present protracted and serious illness, and would express its most earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore to health a brother who was one of the early members of the Grand Lodge, who has held the position of Deputy Grand Master, and who has always been most earnest in his endeavors for the good of the Order, and that a committee be appointed to wait on Bro. Conklin and present the resolution, said committee to be composed of the mover and seconder, and M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell and R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, seconded by W. Bro. D. Hope, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have all certificates granted by this Grand Lodge to Master Masons, engrossed by an expert at the expense of Grand Lodge.

The motion having been put to Grand Lodge it was declared lost.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE M. W. GRAND MASTER.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, seconded by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as Grand Master during the past four years.

M. W. Bro. Kennedy, in moving the resolution, referred in appropriate terms to the great zeal and ability with which M. W. Bro. Bell had discharged his duties in the various positions which he has filled since the formation of this Grand Lodge, and to his zeal and efficiency must be attributed the success attending the institution of Masonry in the British Northwest.

M. W. Bro. Bell made an appropriate reply.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

1. By M. W. Bro. George Black.—That clause 9, page 16, of the Book of Constitution, be amended so as to provide that the D. D. G. M.'s of new districts now formed, and to be formed, and which may from time to time be formed as necessity arises, shall take rank in order corresponding with the numbers of their respective districts.

2. By M. W. Bro. George Black.—That section 37, page 40, of the Book of Constitution be expunged.

3. By R. W. Bro. A. Pearson.—That a committee be appointed to revise and amend the Book of Constitution.

4. By V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph.—That the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at the city of Winnipeg permanently.

5. By W. Bro. D. Hope.—That the word five be inserted in place of ten in clause 1, page 44, Book of Constitution, relating to life membership.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 9 o'clock p. m. in ***Ample Form,*** after which the brethren

adjourned to a banquet which had been provided by the Board of General Purposes. Numerous brief and pleasant addresses were made and a most enjoyable evening was spent. It is a matter of regret that the remarks of the speakers cannot be made of record, together with the names of the many Masons present; but it is impossible. The brethren dispersed at Low Twelve.

JOHN HEADLEY BELL,
Grand Master.

Wm. G. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDICES.

GRAND SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Statement of Moneys received by the Grand Secretary from November 22nd, A. D. 1883, to February 13th, A. D. 1884.

No.	1.	Prince Rupert's Lodge	$106 75
"	2.	Lisgar	54 09
"	3.	Ancient Landmark	103 00
"	4.	St. John's	43 75
"	5.	Hiram	8 00
"	6.	Emerson	55 05
"	7.	Assiniboine	34 00
"	8.	King Solomon	20 50
"	10.	Northern Light	90 25
"	11.	Gladstone	41 50
"	12.	Stonewall	51 50
"	13.	Belmont	100 00
"	14.	Prince of Wales	41 50
"	16.	Kinistino	56 50
"	17.	Saskatchewan	20 00
"	19.	Brandon	94 75
"	21.	Marquette	35 00
"	22.	Pequonga	66 50
U. D.		Wascana	45 50
"		Neepawa	25 00
"		Ionic	39 00
"		Moose Jaw	14 00
"		Glenwood	10 00
"		Bow River	10 00
		Received from other sources	1 55
			$1,167 69

GRAND SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

Statement of Payments made by the Grand Secretary from November 22nd, A. D. 1883, to February 13th, A. D. 1884.

1884.			1883.		
Feb. 13.	To Receipts	$1,167 69	Dec. 3.	By Grand Treasurer	$ 69 50
			19.	" "	110 00
			24.	" "	23 25
			1884.		
			Jan. 7.	" "	55 50
			9.	" "	63 80
			26.	" "	220 50
			29.	" "	30 50
			31.	" "	67 00
			Feb. 1.	" "	30 00
			8.	" "	118 50
			12.	" "	255 09
			12.	" "	55 05
			13.	" "	69 00
		$1,167 69			$1,167 69

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges—December 27th, 1883.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Time of Regular Meeting.	Gain. Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored	Loss. Dim'l.	Dimitted	Suspen'd N. P. D.	Suspen'd U. M. C.	No. on Roll Dec. 27, 82	No. on Roll Dec. 27, 83	
1	Prince Rupert's*	Third Tuesday in each month	13	14	12	5			6	11		97	97	
2	Lisgar*	First Friday in each month	8	6	4	1			1			48	52	
3	Ancient Landmark*	Second Monday in each month	9	9	7	4			4	14	1	102	94	
4	St. John's	First Wednesday in each month	23	19	25	2		1	6			71	91	
5	Hiram	Friday on or before full moon	6	7	7							25	32	
6	Emerson	Thursday on or before full moon	6	8	5	1	1		5			42	44	
7	Assiniboine	Wednesday on or before full moon	6	4	6	2			1			31	38	
8	King Solomon	Tuesday on or before full moon	3	4	3					8		26	21	
9	Oakland	Tuesday after full moon										11	11	No Returns.
10	Northern Light	Last Wednesday in each month	5	5	5	17						47	67	
11	Gladstone	Tuesday on or before full moon	7	5	8				4			33	37	
12	Stonewall	Tuesday on or before full moon	5	5	8				6	2		30	30	
13	Belmont	Thursday on or before full moon	3	6	5	1			3			38	41	
14	Prince of Wales	Friday on or before full moon	15	10	9	5						19	33	
15	Corinthian	First Tuesday in each month	10	12	14				1			20	33	
16	Kinistino	First Friday in each month	13	10	11	2					1	27	38	
17	Saskatchewan	Monday on or before full moon	5	5	5	1		1				23	29	
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Thursday after full moon										30	30	
19	Brandon	Tuesday on or before full moon	12	12	8	17						22	47	
20	Pembina	Wednesday on or before full moon										20	20	No Returns.
21	Marquette	Second Tuesday in each month	6	5	7	2			1			20	27	
22	Pequonga	Wednesday on or before full moon	16	15	14	2			5	1		27	37	
U.D	Wascana	First Tuesday of each month	4	4	1	22							22	
U.D	Neepawa	Wednesday on or before full moon	9	8	8	8							16	
U.D	Ionic	First Friday in each month	7	6	4	41			1				44	
U.D	Moose Jaw	First Tuesday in each month	7	3		27							27	
U.D	Glenwood	Friday on or before full moon				10							10	
U.D	Bow River	Monday on or before full moon				24							24	
			198	182	176	194	1	2	44	36	2	809	1092	

*The three Lodges that constituted Grand Lodge in 1875.

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Post Office.	County.	W. Master.	Secretary.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Slekirk	Geo. D. McVicar	M. McKeand.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Wm. Gibbs	F. R. Gemmel.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	D. Hope	M. Bacon.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	W. J. Ptolemy	A. L. Young
5	Hiram	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Rev. Canon O'Meara	C. A. Sadlier, jr.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	John Lamont	Robert Dick.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	S. R. Marlatt	J. M. Robinson.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	C. A. Skeffington	Ed. M. Maley.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin		
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	C. F. Forrest	J. S. Hough.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	P. St. Clair McGregor	John Chambers.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar	Alfred Ashdown	Geo. M. Weberg.
13	Belmont	Nelson	Dufferin	W. J. Sutton	A. Godfrey.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	R. A. Cowan	J. F. Boyd.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Robert Madden	Wm. E. Cowan.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan		T. J. Agnew	A. W. R. Markley.
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Alberta		P. Heiminck	Wm. Stiff.
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco, Africa		Levi A. Cohen	Edward Taylor.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	John Dickson	E. Hughes.
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound	Rock Lake	Wm. McDonald	J. M. Fraser.
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	J. J. White	H. J. Woodside.
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Keewatin		J. K. Brydon	Daniel T. Ferguson.
23	Wascana	Regina, Assiniboia		James H. Benson	John Secord.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	John A. Davidson	James Crawford.
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Wm. Simpson	Geo. H. Sinclair.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia		J. W. Rolph, M.D.	R. L. Alexander.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Norfolk	James A. Ovas	P. B. Kirchhoffer.
28	Bow River	Calgary, Alberta		N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	C. N. Campbell.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

NO. 1.—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1.—Prince Rupert's.....Winnipeg.
" 2.—Lisgar.....Selkirk.
" 3.—Ancient Landmark.....Winnipeg.
" 4.—St. John's.....Winnipeg.
" 5.—Hiram.....Kildonan.
" 10.—Northern Light.....Winnipeg.
" 12.—Stonewall.....Stonewall.
" 22.—Pequonga.....Rat Portage, Keewatin.
" 25.—Ionic.....Winnipeg.

NO. 2.—EMERSON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, *Dominion City.*

No. 6. Emerson.....Emerson.
" 8. King Solomon.....Morris.
" 9. Oakland.....Carman.
" 13. Belmont.....Nelson.
" 20. Pembina.....Pilot Mound.

NO. 3.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, *Portage la Prairie.*

No. 7. Assiniboine.....Portage la Prairie.
" 11. Gladstone.....Gladstone.
" 21. Marquette.....Portage la Prairie.
" 24. Neepawa.....Neepawa.

NO. 4.—MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Leslie, *Minnedosa.*

No. 14. Prince of Wales.....Minnedosa.
" 15. Corinthian.....Rapid City.

NO. 5.—BRANDON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, *Brandon.*

No. 19. Brandon.....Brandon.
" 27. Glenwood.....Souris.

NO. 6.—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Flett, *Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.*

No. 16.	Kinistino	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.
" 17.	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Alberta.
" 23.	Wascana	Regina, Assiniboia.
" 26.	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
" 28.	Bow River	Calgary, Alberta.

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 18. Al Moghreb Al Aksa..... Tangier, Morocco, Africa.

RECAPITULATION.

No. 1	Winnipeg District	9
" 2	Emerson District	5
" 3	Portage la Prairie District	4
" 4	Minnedosa District	2
" 5	Brandon District	2
" 6	Alberta District	5
	Unattached	1
	Total	28

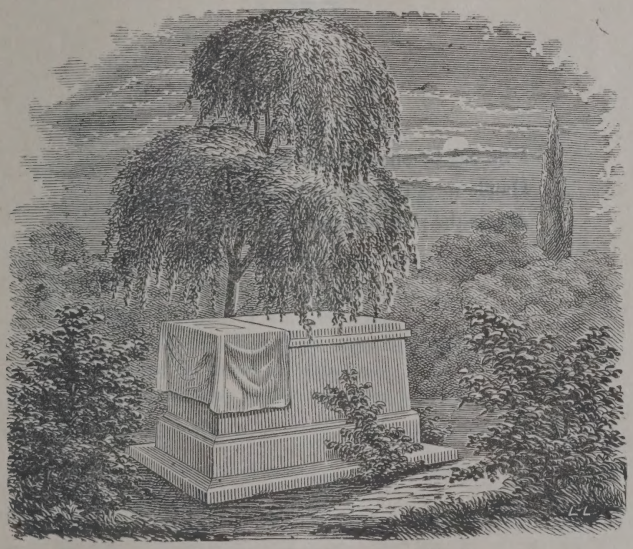
In Memory of

M. W. Bro. REV. DR. W. C. CLARKE,

First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Born at Inverness, Scotland, October 28th, A.D. 1834.

Died at Belleville, Ontario, October 16th, A.D. 1883.



"Go to the grave; at noon from labor cease;
Rest on thy sheaves, thy harvest task is done;
Come from the heat of battle, and in peace,
Soldier! go home; with thee the fight is won,"

"So one by one the dear old faces fade ;
Hands wave their farewell while beckoning us
Across the river all must pass alone."

In Memory of

THE NINE BRETHREN OF THE SIX LODGES,

WHOSE DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED

DURING THE PAST MASONIC YEAR,

1883.

DEATHS 9.—6 LODGES.

"But why repine? a few more years,
A few more broken sighs and tears,
And we, enlisted with the dead,
Shall follow where their steps have led—
To that far world rejoicing go,
To where they passed 'one year ago!'"

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
William Prouse	January 17, 1883...	St. John's	4
Colin S. Rankin *...	August, 1883	Northern Light.....	10
E. G. Garden.....	September, 1883 ...	Northern Light.....	10
Jno. M. Macdonnell .	December, 1883....	Northern Light.....	10
William Brownell *..	February, 1883.....	Gladstone	11
William Oliver.....	March 24, 1883	Kinistino.....	16
W. H. Knelles.....	April 27, 1883.....	Marquette	21
S. B. Cochrane.....	January 6, 1883....	Pequonga.....	22
T. L. Clinton.....	October 30, 1883...	Wascana	U. D.

* Entered Apprentice.

EXPULSIONS.

HERBERT DU PRE LECAPPELLAIN.

Suspended by Edict of Grand Master, November 5, 1883, for Unmasonic Conduct.

Expelled by Grand Lodge, February 14, 1884.

SUSPENSION FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

William Reginald Gunn...December 27, 1883...Kinistino Lodge..... 16

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
F. T. Bradley.....	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
Alfred Codd.....	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
J. H. Pearson.....	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
Clarence E. Steele.. .	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
James Lauder	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
Joseph H. Kennedy..	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
J. G. Chard	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
R. S. McGinn	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
Walter Laurens	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
A. J. Crickmore.....	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
William Crawford....	April 20, 1883	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
Wm. H. Saunders....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
George Tait.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
Henry J. Marshall....	March 12, 1883.....	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
James S. Tevy.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
Sidney Mortimer	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
James Henderson.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
A. Blackburn.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
Roderick McPherson..	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
John S. Magill.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
Bruce Pickering.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	. 3
P. C. McMillan	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
William H. Cooper...	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
William Tait.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	. 3
Robert Tait.....	March 12, 1883	Ancient Landmark....	.. 3
H. D. Cooper.....	December 6, 1883 ..	King Solomon.....	.. 8
John E. Maley	December 6, 1883	King Solomon.....	.. 8
John Lane.....	December 6, 1883	King Solomon.....	.. 8
Wm. A. Russell.....	December 6, 1883	King Solomon.....	.. 8
Stewart Mulvey.....	December 6, 1883	King Solomon.....	.. 8
Jas. C. Kennedy.....	December 6, 1883	King Solomon.....	.. 8
D. O. Clare.....	December 6, 1883	King Solomon.....	.. 8
Wm. H. Hunter.....	December 6, 1883	King Solomon.....	.. 8
D. L. Guthrie.....	June 19, 1883.....	Stonewall	..12
Laughlin G. McDonald	July 17, 1883	Stonewall	..12
Rupert B. Donkin....	September 10, 1883...	Pequonga	..22

RESTORED.

Freeman Lane.....June 18, 1883.....Emerson 6

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1884.

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Winnipeg.....Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Winnipeg.....D. D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, Dominion City.....D. D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie.....D. D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. James Leslie, Minnedosa.....D. D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, Brandon.....D. D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Flett, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan....D. D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Minnedosa..... Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Calgary, Alberta .....Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, Winnipeg.....Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. John J. Johnston, Winnipeg.....Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. William Simpson, Winnipeg.....Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg .....Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Winnipeg. .....Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Geo. D. McVicar, Winnipeg.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Wm. H. Seach, Winnipeg.....Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, Stonewall.....Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. D. Hope, Winnipeg.....Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, Minnedosa.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John Dickson, Chater. .....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Souris.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. S. R. Marlatt, Portage la Prairie.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John A. Davidson, Neepawa.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. P. St. Clair McGregor, Gladstone.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John Lamont, Emerson.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg.....Grand Steward.
Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg.....Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Deputy Grand Master..... .. Winnipeg.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson.....Winnipeg.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
M. W. Bro. George Black, Past Grand Master.....Selkirk.
M. W. Bro. George F. Newcomb, Past Grand Master.....Deloraine.
M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Deputy Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, D. D. G. M.....Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, D. D. G. M.,.....Dominion City.
R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, D. D. G. M.....Portage la Prairie.
R. W. Bro. James Leslie, D. D. G. M.....Minnedosa.
R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, D. D. G. M.....Brandon.
R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Jas. Flett, D. D. G. M. Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.
R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Grand Senior Warden.....Minnedosa.
R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Grand Junior Warden.....Calgary, Alberta.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

W. Bro. Alfred McKeand.....Winnipeg.
V. W. Bro. John McKechnie.....Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, P. D. D. G. M., G. L. of Canada.....Winnipeg.
W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy.....Winnipeg.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. G. F. Carruthers, P. D. D. G. M.....Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, P. D. D. G. M.....Minnedosa.
R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.....Winnipeg.
W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson.....Winnipeg.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM THE DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

DATE	GR. MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. CHAPLAIN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GRAND SEC'Y.
1875	Rev. W. C. Clarke*	Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson‡	S. L. Bedson....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	H. T. Champion..	John H. Bell.
1876	Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson‡	S. L. Bedson....	G. F. Newcomb.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	J. W. Harris.....	John H. Bell.
1877	G. F. Newcomb.	Jas. Henderson‡	John W. Harris.	E. G. Conklin ..	Rev. S. P. Matheson	John J. Johnston..	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	John H. Bell.
1878	G. F. Newcomb.	John W. Harris.	Simon Duffin....	F. T. Bradley*..	Rev. S. P. Matheson	John J. Johnston..	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	John H. Bell.
1879	Rev. S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris.	Simon Duffin....	R. McCuaig....	Rev. James Flett..	John J. Johnston..	James Munro.....	John H. Bell.
1880	John H. Bell....	E. G. Conklin...	Hon. G. McMicken.	J. M. McGregor	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	D. G. Dick	Wm. G. Scott.
1881	John H. Bell....	Wm. G. Scott...	D. B. Murray...	C. F. Forrest...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	D. G. Dick	Jas. Henderson.‡
1882	John H. Bell....	Wm. G. Scott...	Alfred Pearson..	C. F. Forrest...	Rev. Canon J. D, O'Meara.	Jonn J. Johnston..	D. G. Dick	H. D. P. LeCappelain.§
1883	John H. Bell....	D. B. Murray...	R. McCuaig....	Jno. Smith M.D.†	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	D. Young, M.D...	Wm. G. Scott.
1884	John H. Bell....	C. F. Forrest....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	Wm. Simpson.....	Wm. G. Scott.

* Dead.

† Removed from jurisdiction.

‡ Suspended.

§ Expelled.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.
Arkansas	John W. Rison	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria.
Canada	Æ. Irving	Hamilton.
California	John Mills Browne	Vallego.
Colorado	John Widderfield	El Moro.
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London.
Cuba and Colon	Juan Jubizareta	Havana.
Delaware	D. W. Carter	
District of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington.
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassa.
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville.
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport.
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo.
Iowa	W. J. Law	Bloomfield.
Kansas	Matthew M. Miller	Clay Centre.
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville.
Louisiana	Charles Chaffee	New Orleans.
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren.
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson.
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron.
Minnesota	J. B. Cummings	Winona.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D.	Sardis.
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis.
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City.
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City.
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City.
New Brunswick	W. F. Dibblee	Woodstock.
New Jersey	M. P. Smith	Passaic.
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec.
New South Wales	Alfred Burne, M. D.	Sydney.
New York	Samuel Jones	New York City.
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M. D.	Hopewell.
Ohio	John D. Colwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette.
Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Alfred G. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	T. C. Cawood	Dandridge.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Freedom H. Church	Corinne.
Vermont	John D. Shurtleff	Bennington.
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville.
Washington Territory	Thomas Taylor Minor	Townsend.
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie.
British Columbia		
Canada	Hon. W. N. Kennedy	Winnipeg.
California	Hon. W. N. Kennedy	Winnipeg.
Colorado	W. H. Seach	Winnipeg.
Connecticut	George Black	Selkirk.
Cuba and Colon	Rev. James Irvine	
Delaware	A. J. Belch	Winnipeg.
District of Columbia	D. G. Dick	Dominion City.
Florida	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg.
Idaho	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Illinois	Samuel L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Indian Territory	J. M. McGregor	Winnipeg.
Iowa	Thomas Clark	Winnipeg.
Kansas	John Boultbee	Portage la Prairie.
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
Louisiana	S. A. Cornell	Rapid City.
Maine	George Munroe	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Alex. Nicol	Gladstone.
Michigan	Alex. Christie	Winnipeg.
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg.
Mississippi	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Missouri	James Munroe	Springfield.
Montana	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Nebraska	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.
Nevada	Wm. McDonald	Pilot Mound.
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New Jersey		
New Mexico	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New South Wales	C. F. Forrest	Winnipeg.
New York	J. W. Harris	Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia	D. B. Murray	Winnipeg.
Ohio	Hon. W. N. Kennedy	Winnipeg.
Oregon	A. G. McKenzie	Stonewall.
Pennsylvania	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Prince Edward Island	E. G. Conklin	Winnipeg.
Quebec	S. L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg.
South Carolina	Gilbert McMicken	Winnipeg.
Tennessee	J. A. Griffith	Minnedosa.
Texas	T. W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
Utah	John J. Johnston	Winnipeg.
Vermont	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg.
Virginia	W. R. Black	Portage la Prairie.
Washington Territory	Hon. John Norquay	Winnipeg.
Wisconsin	Alfred McKeand	Winnipeg.
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery, Mas. Temp.
Arizona	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tuscon.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Alex. R. Milne	Victoria.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco, Mas. Tem.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmalee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Bon Homme.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell Clarke	London.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmet Blackshear	Macon.
Idaho	J. H. Wickersham	Silver City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. Temp.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	Sam'l B. Oldham, D.G.Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor, M.D.	New Orleans, drawer 872
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Mas. Temple.
Massachusetts	Sereno B. Nickerson	Boston, Masonic Temple
Michigan	William P. Innis	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New South Wales	Nicholas Weekes	Sydney.
New York	Edward M. L. Elders	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Frelow J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia, Mas. Temp.
Prince Edward Island	George W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston, Mas. Temple.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington.
Victoria	Henry W. Holloway	Melbourne.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie.

No. [1884.

COPY OF BILL.

An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

WHEREAS, certain persons are associated together in this Province under the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and subordinate lodges of the said institution, and have by petition prayed that they should be incorporated:

And whereas, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

1. John Headley Bell, George Black, William Nassau Kennedy, the Reverend Samuel Pritchard Matheson, Christopher Fortescue Forrest, Alfred Pearson, David G. Dick, Roderick McCuaig, James Leslie, Peter McGregor, the Reverend James M. Wellwood, Neville J. Lindsay, the Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, William Simpson, John J. Johnston, Thomas Clarke, John W. H. Wilson, William John Ptolemy, the Reverend James Flett, Alfred McKeand, James A. Griffith, George F. Carruthers, John McKechnie and William George Scott, members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, and such and so many other persons as have become, are now and shall hereafter become members thereof, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

2. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to make, alter or break the said seal by by-law to that effect, and shall have power from time to time and at all times hereafter be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess, exchange and to have, take and receive by gift or devise to them and their successors to and for the actual use and occupation of the said corporation any real and personal estates, provided that such real estate shall not exceed the sum of $100,000, and the same to sell, alienate, lease, exchange and otherwise dispose of whensoever the said corporation may deem it expedient so to do. And by the same name may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend all manner of actions both at law and in equity.

(2.) The said corporation may from time to time borrow money not to exceed in the whole the sum of $50,000 for such purposes and upon such terms as it shall think proper and expedient, and may for such purpose make, execute, or issue any mortgages, bonds, debentures or other instruments for securing the repayment of any money borrowed under the seal of the corporation, which shall operate as a mortgage and charge against the real and personal estate of the said corporation, provided that any mortgage so executed shall only affect the property therein described.

(3.) The said corporation shall have power to make any by-laws, rules and regulations not being contrary to law or to the provisions of this Act, with power to amend and repeal the same for all purposes relating to, and bearing on the well-being and interests of the said corporation and any subordinate lodges in communion therewith.

3. The said Grand Lodge shall have power to appoint any of its present officers, or such other members or officers of the association for the management of its funds and property as may be deemed expedient, to prescribe their duties and to require such security as may from time to time be deemed proper from such officer or officers or any of them for the faithful performance of their respective duties, and may remove them, or any of them at pleasure, and may make and ordain and put in execution such by-laws and rules or regulations as may be deemed necessary for the purpose aforesaid, not inconsistent with the laws of this Province.

4. Each subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, of the said institution now holding warrants, or that hereafter may become organized under warrant from said Grand Lodge within this Province, may, in the manner hereinafter specified, be, and become a body politic and corporate by the name and register number by which it may be designated by such Grand Lodge, and whenever a subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, shall become incorporated as aforesaid, it shall have the same powers and privileges as are hereinbefore conferred upon the said corporation for acquiring, purchasing, holding, taking, exchanging, selling and leasing all real and personal estate for prosecuting and defending any actions, and for borrowing money, and mortgaging and executing instruments as security therefor: provided that no subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, shall acquire, take and hold any real estate beyond the sum of $25,000, nor borrow any money exceeding in the whole the sum of $12,500.

(2.) In the event of the real estate of the said corporation or any subordinate lodges, or union of subordinate lodges, exceeding in value the sums hereinbefore respectively limited by any gift, donation, or devise to such corporation or any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, such gift, donation or devise shall not lapse or be forfeited, but the said corporation or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, shall be capable of holding the same, and shall, as soon as may be expedient thereafter, sell and convert the same into personality.

(3.) All deeds, mortgages, discharges, bonds or other instruments executed in accordance with powers conferred by this Act by the said corporation, or any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, shall be sealed with the corporate seal, and signed by the presiding officers and secretary of such corporation or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges.

5. Each subordinate lodge or union of subordinate lodges, which may be desirous of becoming incorporated shall, and may by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting (of the intention to propose which resolution, notice of motion shall be given in the usual manner provided by the by-laws of such lodge,) resolve to become so incorporated, and upon a copy of such resolution specifying the name, register number and place of location of such lodge and the names of not less than ten of the members of such subordinate lodge or union of subordinate lodges, and the seal of the said subordinate lodge, and the name of its secretary and presiding officer, together with a certificate of the said Grand Lodge under its corporate seal, and the signature of its presiding officer and secretary that such subordinate lodge or union of subordinate lodges, is in good standing in the Order, being filed in the office of

the Provincial Secretary of this Province, the members of such subordinate lodge or union of subordinate lodges, whose names may be included in such resolution aforesaid and their associates and successors, members of such subordinate lodge or union of subordinate lodges, shall be, and become from the time of such filing of such certificate as aforesaid, a body politic and corporate as aforesaid, by the style or name and register number by which it may be designated by the said Grand Lodge, and as such shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to make, alter or break the said seal by by-law to that effect, approved according to such regulations as may be in force under any rule, regulation or by-law of such Grand Lodge; provided, however, that no such certificate of good standing shall be issued except by special direction or order of the Board of General Purposes of said Grand Lodge.

6. It shall be lawful for the treasurer of the said Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges so incorporated, and he is hereby empowered from time to time by and with the consent of such Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, to be at ested in such manner as may be directed by their by-laws, to lay out and invest all such sums of money as shall from time to time be collected, and not required for the immediate exigencies of such Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, in real estate or on mortgages or in public or private stock, or funds, or in such other manner as such Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges may direct, and from time to time with the like consent, to alter, sell, transfer and discharge such securities, real estate, stock, or funds respectively, and otherwise re-invest and dispose of the same and the certificate, bill of sale, deed or other instrument of transfer, sale, or discharge of such estate, stock, funds, or security shall be made under the seal of such Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, and signed by the treasurer and presiding officer of such Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, and all such investments shall be made in the name of such Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, provided always that no such real estate shall be sold or otherwise disposed of without the consent first had and obtained of the said Board of General Purposes of said Grand Lodge, such consent to be by resolution passed at a regular meeting of the said Board.

7. It shall and may be lawful for the said Grand Lodge and for each subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, so incorporated to receive from the treasurer thereof from time to time in its corporate name, sufficient securities by bonds with one or more surety or sureties or otherwise as such Grand or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges may deem expedient for the faithful performance of his duty as such, and that he will when required to do so truly account for, pay and invest from time to time as directed by such Grand or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, all such sum or sums of money, funds or other property as may come into his hands or under his control belonging to the said Grand or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, and shall render and deliver up to the said Grand or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, or its successors in office or any other person authorized by this Act, or by any by-law or regulation passed hereunder, to return them all such monies, funds, deeds, bonds or mortgages, or stock or any other funds in his possession or under his control belonging to the said Grand or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, at the expiration of his term of office or at any time fixed by the said Grand or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges.

8. No member of the aforesaid Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, so incorporated shall have any power to assign or transfer to any person or persons whomsoever, any interest which he may

have to or in the funds or property of the said Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, but the same shall at all times be the property and remain under control of the said Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, respectively, and no property or stock of any kind belonging to the said incorporated Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, shall be subject to the payment of the private debts of any of its members, nor liable to be taken in execution by any judgment, creditors against any individual member or members of said Grand Lodge or subordinate lodges, or union of subordinate lodges.

9. Should any subordinate lodge cease to exist or be dissolved from any cause whatsoever, the property (real and personal) held or belonging to such subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, shall at once vest in the said Grand Lodge, but charged with the payment of the debts of such subordinate lodge, or union of subordinate lodges, to the full extent of such property. Provided that such devolution of property upon the said Grand Lodge shall in no way affect or prejudice the powers conferred thereon for holding property.

10. Whenever a debt has been or shall be contracted by any such lodge incorporated under this Act for the building, repairing, extending or improving of any building, or for acquiring land held by any such lodge under the provisions of this Act, or for the purchase of the land on which the same has been or is intended to be erected, any such incorporated lodge may from time to time secure the debt or any part thereof by a mortgage upon the land and buildings or may borrow money to pay the debt or part thereof, and may secure the repayment of the loan and interest by a mortgage upon such terms as may be agreed upon, as hereinbefore provided.

11. Any such lodge so incorporated may from time to time lease for any term not exceeding ten years any land held by them under the provisions of this Act at such rates and upon such terms as they may deem reasonable.

12. All subordinate lodges that may become incorporated under the provisions of this Act and the members thereof shall from henceforward be and become subject and amendable to the by-laws, rules and regulations of the said Grand Lodge, and shall have and exercise all their power and privileges under this Act subject to the said by-laws, rules and regulations, of said Grand Lodge, and not otherwise.

13. When any member is expelled or suspended by any subordinate lodge or by the said Grand Lodge, or in the event of the death or retirement of any member from such Grand or subordinate lodge, the said member shall cease to have any interest or claim whatever upon the funds or property of such Grand or subordinate lodge while under such suspension or expulsion. Provided, that in the case of a suspension such member shall be restored to his rights and privileges upon being reinstated or such suspension vacated.

14. In case the Grand Lodge declare the warrant of any subordinate lodge forfeited pursuant to the by-laws, rules and regulations of the said Grand Lodge such subordinate lodge shall be and be held to be dissolved from the date of the resolution declaring such forfeiture.

15. No officer or member of such Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge shall be or be held liable or responsible for any debt or obligation of such Grand or subordinate lodge beyond the extent of any unpaid dues or subscriptions owing by him to such lodge.

16. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

—AT THE—

TENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held in the City of Winnipeg, on the 11th and 12th of February, 1884.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

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—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

A. F. & A. M.,

At the Tenth Annual Communication,

Held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Winnipeg, on the 11th and 12th days of February, A.L. 5885, A.D. 1885.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro.	John Headley Bell	Grand Master.
R. W. "	C. F. Forrest	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	" Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. Canon O'Meara	" Chaplain.
" "	Wm. G. Scott	" Secretary.
V. W. "	John McKechnie	" Senior Deacon.
" "	Thomas Robinson	" Junior Deacon.
" "	Geo. D. McVicar	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" "	Wm. H. Seach	" Sword Bearer.
" "	Alfred Ashdown	" Organist.
" "	D. Hope	" Pursuivant.
" "	James A. Ovas,	" Steward.
" "	Wm. G. Bell	" "
" "	John J. Jackson, as	" "
" "	James Greig	" "
"	John McBride	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson..... No. 1, or Winnipeg District.
" " D. G. Dick..... No. 2, or Emerson District.
" " R. McCuaig..... No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.
" " P. McGregor..... No. 4, or Brandon District.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Idaho, Montana, and Scotland.

M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

R. W. Bro. S. Duffin, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Wyoming.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Representative of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Mexico, and Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Dakota and Washington Territory.

R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

V. W. Bro. R. W. A Rolph, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

R. W. Bro. A. J. Belch, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward's Island.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

V. W. Bro. W. H. Seach, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

V. W. Bro. Hugh McCowan, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

V. W. Bro. A. G. McKenzie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

V. W. Bro. W. R. Black, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

V. W. Bro. Alfred McKeand, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson..... Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris..... " Deputy Grand Master.
" " E. G. Conklin..... " " " "
" " Wm. G. Scott..... " " " "
" " D. B. Murray..... " " " "
" " G. F. Carruthers..... " District Deputy Grand Master.
" " S. Duffin..... " Grand Senior Warden.
" " Alfred Pearson..... " " " "
" " R. McCuaig..... " " " "

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R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin,
" " G. F. Carruthers,
" " A. Pearson,
" " Wm. G. Scott,
V. W. " John McKechnie,
" " G. D. McVicar,
" " Joseph Hursell,
" " John Leslie,
" " A. McKeand,
" " W. T. Walker,
W. " W. M. Taylor,
" " Wm. Gibbs,
V. W. " R. W. A. Rolph,
W. " Geo. Fulthorpe,
" " D. Hope,
" " A. H. Van Ettan,
V. W. " Alex. McGowan,
W. " W. J. Ptolemy,
R. W. " Rev. J. D. O'Meara,
W. Bro. J. K. Brydon,
R. W. " Thomas Clark,
" " J. H. Kenning,
W. " J. W. H. Wilson,
R. W. " N. J. Lindsay,
" " S. Duffin,
" " D. B. Murray,
" " J. W. Harris,
" " A. J. Belch,
" " H. McCowan,
V. W. " W. H. Seach,
M. W. " John H. Bell,
V. W. " John McBeth,
R. W. " R. McCuaig,
" " C. F. Forrest,
M. W. " Rev. S. P. Matheson,
W. " H. N. Ruttan,
" " James Kerr,
" " F. Noakes,

R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick,
V. W. " W. R. Black,
W. " Rev. W. R. Ross,
" " Thomas Robinson,
" " D. J. Goggin,
V. W. " Alex. G. McKenzie,
W. " Robert Madden,
R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood,
" " P. McGregor,
W. " C. W. Clark,
" " W. C. Copeland,
" " H. H. Smith,
" " S. W. Coutlee,

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 8 P. M., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the proceedings.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed W. Bros. J. W. H. Wilson, John McKechnie, and W. J. Ptolemy, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz :—

No. 1.—PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, W. M ; Bro. J. J. Jackson, S. W. ; Bro. Duncan McArthnr, J. W.

No 2.—LISGAR LODGE, SELKIRK.

W. Bro. James G. Greig, W. M.

No. 3.—ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, WINNIPEG.

V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, W. M. ; Bro. J. P. Anderson, S. W. ; Bro. T. F. Kenty, J. W.

No. 4.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. H. S. Raymer, W. M. ; Bro. Jas. A. Payne, S. W. ; Bro. A. L. Young, J. W.

No. 5.—HIRAM LODGE, KILDONAN.

W. Bro. E. P. Leacock, W. M. ; Bro. C. A. Sadlier, S. W. ; Bro. Joseph Thomson, J. W.

No. 6.—EMERSON LODGE, EMERSON.

W. Bro. W W. Ireland, W. M. ; Bro. J. E. Cooper, J. W.

No. 7.—ASSINIBOINE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

W. Bro. Thomas Collins, W. M.

No. 10.—NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. C. N. Bell, W. M. ; S. S. Cummins, J. W.

No. 11.—GLADSTONE LODGE, GLADSTONE.

W. Bro. W. McKelvy, W. M.

No. 12.—STONEWALL LODGE, STONEWALL.

V. W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, W. M. ; Bro. John Montgomery, S. W. ; Bro. Joseph Tottle, J. W.

No. 14.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, MINNEDOSA.

R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Proxy.

No. 15.—CORINTHIAN LODGE, RAPID CITY.

W. Bro. Robert Madden, Proxy.

No. 16.—KINISTINO LODGE, PRINCE ALBERT.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Proxy.

No. 17.—SASKATCHEWAN LODGE, EDMONTON.

V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Proxy.

No. 18.—AL MOGHREB AL AKSA LODGE, TANGIER, MOROCCO.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Proxy.

No. 19.—BRANDON LODGE, BRANDON.

R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, Proxy.

No. 20.—PEMBINA LODGE, PILOT MOUND.

Bro. John Elson, S. W.

No. 21.—MARQUETTE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

W. Bro. J. J. White, W. M. ; Bro. H. J. Woodside, S. W.

No. 22.—PEQUONGA LODGE, RAT PORTAGE.

W. Bro. Jas. Weidman, W. M. ; Bro. D. T. Ferguson, S. W. ; Bro. H. F. Holmes, J. W.

No. 25.—IONIC LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, W. M. ; Bro. George Sinclair, S. W.

No. 27.—GLENWOOD LODGE, SOURIS.

V. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, W. M.

No. 28.—BOW RIVER LODGE, CALGARY.

R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Proxy.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by R. W. Bro C. F. Forrest, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Ninth Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg on the 13th and 14th days of February, 1884, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren assembled in Grand Communication :—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Time ever coming, ever going, never pausing in its swift career, has added another Masonic year to the history of our beloved institution. Permit me to congratulate you on the continued prosperity and the peace and harmony that prevails throughout our jurisdiction, and to extend to you a cordial and fraternal greeting to this the Tenth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.

To me these annual meetings are bright spots on the pages of life's record. Many familiar faces I see here of those I have learned to love and esteem, but whom I scarcely ever meet except at Grand Lodge. Strong indeed are ties of friendship whose golden links have been welded around this sacred altar. I am fully persuaded that these bonds of friendship will extend within the vail and grow brighter and stronger as time rolls on.

I trust we have come up to the courts of the temple with hearts profoundly grateful for the mercies, individual and social, of the past year, and with an earnest loyal purpose so to meet the duties which await us as to justify the hope that we may realize that guidance and blessing of the Supreme Architect

of the Universe which we have invoked, and without which, we are taught in our earliest apprenticeship, that no human wisdom can avail.

OFFICIAL.

I shall now proceed to lay before you a summary of my official acts during the year.

Since the division of the jurisdiction into districts, and the appointment thereto of District Deputy Grand Masters the labor connected with the office of Grand Master has been somewhat lessened, and a portion of what was formerly contained in the Grand Master's address will now be found in the reports of the various D. D. G. M's.

BY-LAWS.

During the year I have examined and approved the by-laws of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, Pembina Lodge No. 20, Marquette Lodge No. 21, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, and Bow River Lodge No. 28; also of amendments to by-laws made by Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, St. John's Lodge No. 4, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Gladstone Lodge No. 11, Belmont Lodge No. 13, and Brandon Lodge No. 19.

VISITATIONS.

As the D. D. G. Ms. were more especially appointed for the purpose of visiting the Lodges within their respective districts I have only visited such Lodges as specially invited me to do so.

On the 24th June, 1884, I visited Emerson Lodge No. 6, and installed the officers. A banquet and a very enjoyable evening followed the conclusion of the ceremonies. Several of the brethren remained up and accompanied us to the 3 a. m. train.

On the 26th December I installed the officers of Hiram Lodge No. 5. A number of visiting brethren were present, and the occasion was a most social and agreeable one.

On the 27th December I visited Stonewall and installed the officers of Stonewall Lodge No. 12, and by invitation presided at an excellent supper which followed the conclusion of the ceremonies. A considerable number of ladies were present, and also R. Wor. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Major A. MacKeand. The brethren of Stonewall, particularly the W. M., Very Wor. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, did all in their power to make our visit an agreeable one, and I need hardly say succeeded admirably.

On the 4th February, 1885, by special request I visited St. John's Lodge officially. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was conferred on a candidate in a manner that reflected the highest

credit upon the Master and officers. In every respect this Lodge takes a first rank among the lodges of the jurisdiction.

NEW LODGES.

Since our last annual communication I have granted dispensations for three new lodges as follows :

1ST.—Carberry Lodge, meets at Carberry on the Tuesday on or before full moon. Nine petitioners. Dispensation granted 2nd April, 1884. N. Dickie, W. M. ; W. J. MacAdam, S. W. ; Michael Collins, J. W.

2ND.—Manitou Lodge, meets at Manitou on the Friday on or before full moon. Fourteen petitioners. Dispensation granted 10th April, 1884. Joseph Tees, W. M. ; S. C. McDonald, S. W. ; Joseph J. Wilson, J. W.

3RD.—Battle Lodge, meets at Battleford on the first Tuesday of every month. Eight petitioners. Dispensation granted 18th November, 1884. L. N. F Crozier, W. M. ; T. H. G. O'Brien, S. W. ; Jas. Bruce, J. W.

The books, etc., of these lodges will be laid before you for inspection, and, as heretofore, I am certain warrants will not be granted unless deserved.

OAKLAND LODGE NO. 9.—This lodge some time ago surrendered their warrant, books, etc. They now think they are in a position to re-open and successfully work the lodge, and therefore petition for a return of their warrant. Your favorable consideration is requested.

AL MOGHREB AL AKSA NO. 18.—On the 24th June I commissioned W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen as special Deputy Grand Master for Morocco.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE NO. 17.—On 7th January I commissioned V. W. Bro. James Levy to investigate all matters in connection with Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17, and to report thereon.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

On 7th March, 1884, I visited and constuted Ionic Lodge No. 25 and installed its officers. After the ceremonies were performed all present sat down to a substantial supper laid in the refreshment room of the lodge. Toasts, songs and speeches closed a very enjoyable evening.

Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26 was constituted and its officers installed by Very Wor. Bro. T. W. Robinson, P. G. D. of C.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27, was constituted and its officers installed by R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, D. D. G. M.

Bow River Lodge No. 28, was constituted and its officers installed by R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Grand Junior Warden.

Each of the three brethren above-named having been duly commissioned to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

The correspondence required during the past year has been somewhat larger than previous years. The information asked for embraced a variety of subjects, all of which have been answered to the best of my knowledge and judgment. Whenever a record of the answers appeared to be necessary, answers were transmitted through the Grand Secretary's office.

For the second time I am glad to be able to report that no "decisions" have been given.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted as follows :

1ST.—To wear regalia in public on St. John's Day, 27th Dec., to Emerson Lodge, No. 6 ; Gladstone Lodge, No. 11 ; Stonewall Lodge, No. 12 ; Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7 ; Marquette Lodge, No. 21, and Pequonga, No. 22. To Winnipeg Lodges to appear at a charity concert on 29th December, and to Bow River Lodge on 20th January at a ball held by them on opening their new hall.

2ND—To install officers at other than the prescribed time, to Bow River Lodge No. 28, on the 20th January ; and Belmont Lodge No. 13, on the 29th January.

3RD.—To confer degrees in less than one month, March 5th, Stonewall Lodge No. 12, on Bro. A. McCallum. March 18th, Ancient Landmark No. 3, on W. P. Cousins. May 9th, St. John's Lodge No. 4, on Bros. Chas. Sharp and John Rodgers. November 6th, Ionic Lodge No. 25, on Bro. F. T. Bulmer, and to she same Lodge on November 18th, on Bro. W. R. Johnson.

4TH.—On the 18th February, dispensation to Stonewall Lodge to initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age—a son of a Rev. Brother.

5TH.—Dispensation to Bro. John A. Belden to assume and perform duties of W. M. of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17 ; also to Bro. Ireland to take charge of Emerson Lodge No. 6, and confer degrees ; afterwards to the same lodge to hold an election for Master.

These dispensations are either provided for by our Constitution or allowed by the usages of Masonry, and have only been granted when it seemed proper from the circumstances of the case as presented by the W. Master or the Secretary of the lodge asking it, or the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master.

THANKS.

It gives me again the greatest pleasure to express my best thanks to R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott for the painstaking and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of Grand Secretary during the past year. The increase

in the number of lodges, and the neglect of the previous two Grand Secretaries, has caused him, as well as the Secretaries of different lodges, a great amount of extra work. He has also procured Historical Registers as ordered at last communication of Grand Lodge, and most of them are now in the possession of the lodges and properly written up. In every way R. W. Bro. Scott's services have been most valuable.

For the first time in the history of Grand Lodge, our oldest Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, is absent. He is with the Canadian contingent in Egypt, and we pray the great I AM that he may safely pass through the dangers of the campaign and return in health and strength.

STATE OF THE LODGES.

There will be laid before you the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts. These reports will explain fully the state of nearly all the lodges under our jurisdiction.

A financial statement will be laid before you showing in detail the amounts of receipts and disbursements, and the present financial standing of Grand Lodge, which I think you will find very satisfactory considering the dullness of trade and "hard times" we as a country have suffered during the past year and are still suffering from.

The Grand Secretary will also report to you the various matters that have come within his official knowledge, and will also give full statistical information.

BOARD OF RELIEF.

There will also be laid before you a statement from the Winnipeg Board of Relief, showing the receipts and expenditures, and asking for a grant to aid them in their work ; and when you investigate what they have accomplished, I am certain you will cheerfully comply with their request.

At the last annual communication, by resolution "the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario), asking that Grand Lodge to take into consideration the necessity of setting apart a certain sum of money for the relief and assistance of destitute Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada."

In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1884, page 131, we find the following :—

"The request of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba of setting apart a certain sum of money for the relief and assistance of destitute Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Board does not feel warranted to entertain.

"It is no doubt quite true that a number of Masons from the Province of Ontario have failed to realize their anticipations in their migration into Manitoba, and that they have sought aid and obtained assistance from lodges in the Province of Manitoba ; yet it is equally true that yearly a large number of Masons hailing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, of Scot-

land, or of Ireland, upon their arrival in this Province, apply for aid and obtain assistance from our lodges; and that the relief given to Masons who come from the neighboring Republic, and who apply to our lodges for aid, amounts to a large sum in the course of the year; but notwithstanding these continual drains upon the funds of private lodges, and the large sums annually granted by this Grand Lodge to local Boards of Relief, especially to meet the claims of transient Masons, this Grand Lodge has never yet entertained the idea of asking either the Grand Lodge of England, of Scotland, or of Ireland, to set apart any money for the relief and assistance of destitute Masons hailing from those Grand Lodges respectively.

"OTTO KLOTZ,
"*Chairman.*"

On the above I make no comment other than this, that I do not consider it a very generous action on the part of our Mother Grand Lodge, possessed as she is of such a large surplus fund, to which some of our lodges and many of our members contributed in former years.

INCORPORATION.

Under the direction of the Board of General Purposes, Wor. Bros. Wilson, Robinson, Coutlee and Bro. Hough prepared a bill providing for the incorporation of this Grand Lodge, and of subordinate lodges within the Province. This bill I had the honor to introduce in the Legislature, where it passed through the several stages, and afterwards received the assent of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

A copy of the act will be found as an appendix to the proceedings of last year.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12 has the honor of being the first subordinate lodge to incorporate under the Act, and I believe now hold their lot and hall in their own name.

AMENDMENTS.

No less than five motions regarding amendments of the constiiution are to be laid before you for consideration, notices of which were given at our last annual communication This leads me to remark that these annual sessions are legislative in their purpose and that human experience has fully demonstrated that too much legislation is a serious evil. Too many changes in the law and a multitude of "decisions" by your Grand Masters tend only to confusion and uncertainty. I wish, therefore, to caution you to make no changes in the constitution that do not seem to be imperatively demanded.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with foreign and sister Grand Lodges during the past year have been of the most fraternal and harmonious character.

In July a letter was received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which the following is a copy:

FREE MASONS' HALL, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, JUNE 30th, 1884.

Wm. G. Scott, Esq., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—With reference to former correspondence I am glad to say that the Grand Lodge of Scotland have resolved to open fraternal relations with your Grand Lodge. I shall have pleasure in receiving the name of a brother for appointment as representative near your Grand Lodge. Dr. Jas. Cranston, of the High School of Edinburgh, a Worthy Past Master in the craft, and one of the Grand Stewards, would be a most suitable representative of your Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland. With fraternal regards I am, yours truly. (Signed)

D. MURRAY LYON,
Grand Secretary.

In answer to the above the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Scott, wrote expressing kindly regards and enclosing the commission for V. W. Bro. Dr. Jas. Cranston as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and naming a Wor. Bro. to represent said Grand Lodge near this Grand Lodge. The brother's commission has not yet come to hand, but no doubt it will be received in due time.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Some changes in the list of representatives to and from several Grand Lodges have been made, and are as follows:

To this Grand Lodge Rev. Jas M. Wellwood has been appointed to represent Dakota. J. A. Griffith, Tennessee, vice Jas. Henderson suspended. Wm. G. Scott, British Columbia, vice Archibald McNee. Alfred MacKeand, Wisconsin. Rev. James M. Wellwood, Washington Territory, vice Hon. John Norquay, whose term of office has expired. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Independent Symbolic Lodge of Mexico. John McKechnie, Michigan, in place of A. Christie, deceased. S. R. Marlatt, Kansas, in place of John Boultbee, left jurisdiction.

FROM THIS GRAND LODGE.

Jacob Krohn, near Illinois, in place of Arch. A. Glenn, left jurisdiction. Chas. M. Cottrill, Wisconsin. Dr. James Cranston, Scotland. Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania, vice Alfred R. Potter, deceased. Andrew L. Johnson, Delaware, vice D. W. Carter, deceased, and Samuel Roy, near Dakota.

I desire to call your attention to the question of recognizing the Grand Lodges of Arizona and Peru, the documents relating to the same having now been before the Grand Lodge for two years. Also to the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Victoria and Mexico, the documents having been laid before you at our last annual communication. I have at this time to lay before you further papers relating to the Grand Lodges of Victoria and Mexico; new Grand Lodges in Hungary, South Australia and Espanola have been formed and documents relating thereto, and asking recognition will be laid before you.

DEATHS.

During the past year Alfred R. Potter, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Bro. D. W. Carter, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Delaware, have been called hence. I have also to note the deaths of Most Wor. Bros. James M. Howry and William French, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, brethren distinguished for their masonic zeal and ability. Our own Grand Lodge has been called upon to mourn the death of W. Bro. Alex. Christie, a Past Master of Northern Light Lodge, a brother who took great interest in Masonry and did much for his lodge, also of

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,

Hon. Alex. M. Sutherland,

a Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 5, and a Past Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge, a young man of great promise, honored and loved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The all-devouring scythe of time spares not here nor there. The high in station and the lowly are alike cut down by the great leveller, and side by side go down to the inheritance of the common lot of man.

RETROSPECTIVE.

It is well at times to pause and consider our ways. We should sometimes review the past and make careful estimate of the present, to the end that better progress and larger attainment be assured for the future. Thus the merchant takes an account of stock, makes investigation of his business and reckons up the gains or losses to which he has been subject. Thus the shipmaster takes a daily observation that he may ascertain the distance which has been sailed over, the course that has been kept and his present position. Individually it is our duty to take frequent observations, that we may know just where we are, what we have been doing, and whither we are tending. The retrospect cheers or pains us as a calm reflection upon our conduct shall convince us whether we have striven to perform well and wisely in our respective stations what was given us to do, or whether we have not left undone the actual duties incumbent on us. When we are about to cross one of those lines by which time is divided into annual periods it is natural to halt, to send a glance backward over the way that has been travelled, while some thoughts are evoked in regard to present condition and future prospects.

Just now as a Masonic Grand Lodge we are crossing one of these suggestive lines. It is appropriate then that we take a retrospective glance over the ten

years of our past history. In doing so we shall find abundant cause for congratulation in the progress made, and the position now held by the craft.

At our organization in May, 1875, a pamphlet of ten pages was sufficient to record our proceedings, and last year it required seventy-eight for the same purpose. There were then but three lodges in this jurisdiction with 203 members, and the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the first year were $331.75.

On the 11th February, 1880, when I was elected to the Grand East, our numbers had increased to ten warranted lodges and one lodge under dispensation, with 360 members, and $446.95 of Grand Lodge revenue; an increase during the first five years of 8 lodges, 157 members, and $115.20 of receipts. During the five years that I have had the honor to preside as your Grand Master, our numbers have increased to 28 warranted lodges, 3 lodges under dispensation, with 1,246 members, and $1,698.21 of Grand Lodge receipts; an increase in the five years of 20 lodges, 886 members, and $1,251 26 of Grand Lodge revenue, or a total increase in the ten years of 28 lodges, 1,043 members, and $1,366.41 of Grand Lodge revenue. In the early history of our Grand Lodge we passed through a storm that threatened to destroy it, but the light broke forth, and the sun of peace very soon shone as brightly as before. But shall we delude ourselves with the idea that all our trials are past, and that henceforth we are to go on conquering and to conquer; that do what we will our skies are henceforth to be unclouded? I trust not, and hence I raise my voice—not to point out any immediate danger—not to play the part of spectre at the feast—but to invite you to a careful scrutiny of all your Masonic acts, and to lay wise plans for the future. No man of ordinary prudence conducts his affairs with a simple regard for the necessities of the day, and less than all others should the Grand Lodge lose sight of the important trust confided to them, with the knowledge that as that trust be well or ill fulfilled, just so will those who are to succeed us, revere or condemn our memories.

Not only has our Grand Lodge prospered, but taking the whole world into survey the Masonic institution in numbers, resources, character and influence, was never stronger than it is now. In Great Britain Masonry has made vast strides during the past ten years. The secession of the late Grand Master of England proved a blessing in disguise, for by filling the place thus made vacant by the election of the heir apparent to the British throne, a fresh impetus was given to the institution, and from that day to this it has prospered as never before. English Masonry is especially strong, not only in numbers and wealth, but in the character of its membership, composed as it is quite largely of the more influential classes in society. Masonry is in theory a democratic organization. It puts men upon a common level. Nevertheless it loses nothing when it attracts to its membership cultivated minds—when its course is shaped by men of recognized ability and character, and when it gathers large means into its treasuries and expends large sums in the furtherance of the most charitable objects.

In the other parts of the British Empire Masonry has also vastly flourished.

In Australia, and in our own Dominion of Canada, new Grand Lodges have been formed, Masonic temples of spacious dimensions and elegant appearance completed. Lodges have secured better quarters and more hopeful appointments for the rendering of the work. From India also come glowing statements of the forward steps taken by the craft since the visit of the Prince of Wales, and in never-to-be-forgotten Lucknow a Masonic temple has been erected at a cost of 150,000 rupees.

On the continent of Europe Masonry has also flourished. In Germany, under the patronage and favor of the Emperor and Crown Prince, Lodges have multiplied, and a condition of great prosperity is evident. In Hungary, and also in Spain, Grand Lodges have been formed with every prospect of successful careers. In Italy Masonry has made wonderful progress, and the last few years have witnessed large accessions to the ranks of the fraternity, and the organization of numerous lodges. In France, where Masonic societies have been multiplying, and where outward progress has been great, I regret to say that attempts have been made to pervert the institution from its intrinsic character. If our brethren in France persist in carrying out the proposition to eliminate a recognition of God from the Masonic ritual, they will be cut adrift from the craft generally. Masonry is not atheistic, nor is it to be used as an engine of opposition against either Church or State. When it takes on that character it is not Masonry.

Good reports also reach us as to the healing of differences and the prospect of better feeling between rival Masonic organizations in Brazil and other of the South American States. If this much desired result can be brought about, and the jealous interference of Governments can be warded off, South American Masonry will speedily enter upon broader and brighter days.

In the United States a steady gain in membership is apparent. There has been no abatement of energy and zeal. They have not gone behind in influence or good works; but, on the contrary, there is a manifold testimony from all parts of the country showing the efforts that have been put forth to improve the quality of Masonry—to make its channels run purer than ever for the diffusion of brotherly love, relief and truth.

In thus reviewing the past there is much that both moves us to grateful feelings and inspires us. We can note with pleasure the course already traversed, and the position attained. But to associations as to individuals, the ideal is always in advance of the actual realization. There is work yet to be done. Let us use the resources and opportunities for good that are so available. Let us have faith that the future may always be made better than the past. Let us stand by the old ways and yet make progress.

To those who seek a knowledge of the tenets, symbolism and inculcations of Freemasonry, the hand of sympathetic fellowship is extended, believing that the result of a careful study will convince each and all that it is intended to make good men better, to awaken the dormant energies of the apathetic, to

arouse in the breast of all its votaries that inward symbol of Deity which is implanted in man as a monitor against evil and an incentive to good, and that it is replete in all its parts with the highest morality and fraternal devotion, leading man to sublimest thoughts and appreciation of the Present and a Hereafter, ever realizing in its surroundings and adornments the truth of that happy thought of England's youthful poet :—

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever ;
Its loveliness increases ; it will never
Pass to nothingness."

CLOSING.

And now, my brethren, there remains but the closing word. For almost the entire existence of this Grand Lodge I have served either as Grand Secretary or Grand Master. To the duties of these offices I gave the best of my ability and knowledge, and while doubtless having made mistakes, for "to err is human," yet I claim to have been actuated by a sincere desire faithfully to promote the best interests of this Grand Lodge and of Freemasory.

"Life counts not hours by joys or pangs,
But just by duties done."

"And when I lie in the green kirk-yard
With the mould upon my breast,
Say not that 'he did well or ill,'
Only this, 'he did his best.'"

The work you have given me to do as your Grand Master year after year for five laborious and eventful years is well nigh finished. I desire to express the profound appreciation I have felt in being elected to the Grand East and retained there for so long a time. But few honors bestowed by men are higher. To-night I bring it back to you, I trust, unsullied, that to-morrow you may confer it upon another and a worthier. For the last time I desire to place on record my thanks for those fraternal regards and kindly courtesies which have been so cordially extended to me whenever I have met my brethren. I now, in what I conceive to be justice to myself and others, bid you as Grand Master an official and fraternal farewell. May the blessing of Heaven abide with you, and may all your works be full of glory to God and of good to man.

JOHN HEADLEY BELL,
Grand Master.

Moved by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

WINNIPEG, February 3rd, 1885.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

Another year has gradually but surely rolled around, and it now becomes my duty to hand in my report on the condition of Masonry in the District over which I preside, it also being the last official act expected of your D. D. G. M.

Generally, I am able to report that the condition of the Craft is materially improved, and shows such signs of progression, not alone in the increase of its membership, but in the quality of the material, and the greater interest taken by the members themselves in the internal work of the lodge itself, as will quite warrant me in saying that Masonry in the District is something more than a name.

Financially the lodges, with one or two exceptions, are not as strong as I should like to see, for I hold that financial strength is one of the first elements necessary to the making of a strong and successful Masonic lodge. I should like to see a vigorous and determined effort made to collect the dues owing by members to their individual lodges, the dues in arrears in many cases amounting to three and four hundred dollars. I would strongly urge upon the lodges that they should depend for support upon their dues, and these should be made adequate to defray all the necessary running expenses, as calls of charity and other incidentals will generally absorb the income from other sources.

I have to congratulate the city brethren upon the amount of charity that their Benevolent Board has dispensed so liberally. Herewith I give you a statement of its receipts, how obtained, how applied, number of cases relieved, and jurisdiction hailing from. I should consider my report entirely incomplete did I not make a most urgent appeal to the members of this Grand Lodge in behalf of the Benevolent Board of this city, to assist them by a grant of at least one hundred and fifty dollars, which, as the report I have just read will be, I think, the best evidence that it will be "thankfully received and faithfully applied." I do not think it is necessary for me to say one word to strengthen this appeal, as I feel that it speaks for itself, and shall now, "in the name of brotherly love, relief and truth," leave the matter in your hands.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report to this Grand Lodge that the Lodges of the District have carried out your recommendation, and have provided, at an expense of about seventy dollars, the necessary regalia for the office.

On the Sunday following St. John's Day, June 24th, the city brethren proceeded in a body to All Saints' Church, where they had the pleasure of listen-

ing to a most eloquent sermon preached to them by M. W. Bro. Canon Matheson, the proceeds of the collection, amounting to $70.15, were handed over to the Benevolent Board.

On St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1884, I, by request, installed the officers of Prince Rupert's, Ancient Landmark, St. John's and Northern Light Lodges, and if a large attendance is any indication of prosperity, then the City Lodges must be very prosperous indeed. After the ceremony a most enjoyable evening was spent in speeches, singing and recitations. Before installing the brethren I informed them that they would have to submit to an examination to show their proficiency, which they did, and it was entirely satisfactory to me.

I will now give a detailed statement of the affairs of the lodges individually.

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

This lodge has not yet assumed its old position of being one of the best lodges in the District, but am glad to be able to say that during the past year under W. Bro. McVicar, it has made marked progress, and I feel quite confident that under the officers who now hold sway it will continue in its upward progress, and ere long be quite equal if not superior to the best in the District. I was very glad to find that they have elected to the position of Junior Warden one whose face is so familiar to members of Grand Lodge as Bro. Duncan MacArthur.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

I visited this Lodge but a very short time since, and it is most gratifying to me to be able to report that this Lodge is again this year in the proud position of the banner lodge financially. The marked prosperity of this lodge is due mainly to the untiring efforts and unflagging zeal of W. Bros. Greig, Gibbs and Taylor, assisted by the Wardens, Bros. Dixon and Bullock. I cannot omit to mention the name of their Secretary, Bro. Gemmel, who has again been elected, and who spares neither time or effort not only to keep up to but excel past years. The brethren entertained me right royally and I shall always have the most pleasant recollections of this Lodge. They with Stonewall Lodge have the largest percentage of attendance in the District.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

I have visited this Lodge twice, and can say that the prophecy I made last year "that this year's record will not be behind that of its most prosperous one," has been fully realized. During the past year under the guiding hands of W. Bro. Hope, and Bro. W. G. Bell, Senior Warden, it has gained its old position ; and I feel sure that with the present energetic and zealous W. M., Bro. W. G. Bell, assisted by such Wardens as Bros Anderson and Kenty, that next year will be if anything more successful and prosperous than the last.

St. John's Lodge No. 4.

About this Lodge I will say nothing, but will simply re-echo the wish that

this year and every succeeding one may find its work as well done as it has been under the charge of W. Bro. Ptolemy, and I trust that the generous rivalry that exists between this Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge may long continue; as I certainly think that rivalry of this sort has but one effect, that of stimulating with active and fruitful life our flagging energies. The fact that this Lodge has just elected Bro. Raymer, W. M., and Bros. Payne and Young, Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, is, I think, the best evidence that their work "will be true work and square work.

Hiram Lodge No. 5.

I had the pleasure of paying this Lodge an unofficial visit on Friday evening, Jan. 29th, and was much pleased to find that they were in a prosperous financial condition, having a balance in the treasury of $118. They meet in a neatly furnished hall, and the books have been particularly well kept by their then Secretary, Bro. Sadlier.

M. W. Bro. John H. Bell occupied the chair owing to the illness of their W. M., Bro. Leacock, who, I am glad to be able to inform the brethren, is now quite recovered. I feel quite certain with W. Bro. Leacock at the helm, assisted by Bros. Sadlier and Thompson, Senior and Junior Wardens, that Hiram Lodge will during this year take equal rank with the best of the other lodges. I cannot bring this to a close without drawing attention to the zeal displayed by M. W. Bro. Bell in behalf of this Lodge, who regularly sends a conveyance to the city in order that city brethren may have no excuse for not paying this Lodge a visit, of which M. W. Bro. Bell is practically the Masonic father.

Northern Light Nodge No. 10.

I am sorry to say that this Lodge has fallen behind in its race upwards, the reason I am unable to state. It certainly cannot be that the W. M. could not give the degrees in a satisfactory manner, for I consider the W. M. of this Lodge one of the best workers in the District. The reason, as I said before, I am not able to give, but the fact remains that Northern Light Lodge has gone behind. However, there is one thing I can congratulate the Lodge on, and that is the neatness and correctness of the books as kept by their then Secretary, Bro. Hough, who, I am glad to say, has been elected Senior Warden.

Judging from the officers who now preside in the chairs: W. Bro. C. N. Bell, W. M.; Bro. Hough, S. W.; and Bro. Cummins, J. W.; I have no doubt that my successor will be able next year to report that they have assumed their old position.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

A year ago this Lodge was added to this District, and it has been quite an acquisition. According to the provisions of the Constitution I visited this

Lodge once during my term of office and was shown an exemplification of work in the third degree that reflected unbounded credit on their W. M., Bro. Ashdown. He also gave a lecture on the tracing board which was rendered in a fluent and easy manner. The Wardens, Bros. Montgomery and Tottle, were not quite as well posted as the W. M., but this is no doubt owing to the fact that they had only just been installed, consequently they could not be expected to do as well as those who have been in the chairs for some time. The Senior Warden, Bro. McCuaig, did his part well, great credit being due him when we learn it was in September last that he was raised. The hall in which they meet is, I am informed, their own property and entirely out of debt. Would that more of our lodges could say the same.

Pequonga Lodge No. 22.

This Lodge I have not been able to visit this year, but from what I have learned from other sources, I feel confident that I shall be quite within the mark when I say that they are one of the leading lodges in the District. W. Bro. Weidman makes a most careful and painstaking Master, whilst the Wardens fulfil their duties to the satisfaction of the members. The Lodge has in the past had difficulties to contend with which have taxed their energies, but like the Phœnix they have risen again with renewed vigor and energy, and now I feel assured that their trials being over they will assume a position in the District second to none. W. Bro. Brydon still takes that interest in all matters that relate to the Lodge which might be copied with advantage by all our Past Masters.

Ionic Lodge No. 25.

This is the first year that this Lodge has worked under a charter, and I can only say that the high hopes I had of this Lodge a year ago have been much more than realized. With W. Bro. Dunlop W. M., and Bro. Sinclair Senior Warden, assisted by such brethren as R. W. Bros. Clark and Kenning, and W. Bros. Wilson and Copeland, along with an efficient set of officers as this Lodge has, I could not prophesy anything but success, and I feel sure that Ionic Lodge will always be a source of strength to Grand Lodge.

Having now given you a resume' of the condition of Masonry in this District, nothing now remains for me but to return to you the high and responsible office which you, for the second time, placed in my hands one year ago, and in surrendering the trust and retiring from this honorable position, I can but express the hope that I have done nothing to detract from the dignity of the office, and that the interests of the Craft in this District have not suffered during the two years that I have been in office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON, D. D. G. M.,
Winnipeg, or No. 1 District.

STATEMENT OF BENEVOLENT BOARD.

To amount levied on members @ 25c. per capita	$160 00
" from collection, Masonic sermon.....	70 15
" from Dinner and Concert.....	157 85
	$388 00
By 12 cases relieved	$320 00
Balance	$68 00

No. 2—EMERSON DISTRICT.

DOMINION CITY, Manitoba, February 10, 1885.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

It again becomes my duty to give an account of my stewardship as required by the Book of Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

I regret to say that owing to important business engagements during the past year, I have been unable to make my usual official visits to the Lodges in this District, but I am in a position to report that these Lodges are in a better position financially than they were at the date of my last annual report.

All the Lodges in this District, except Belmont No. 13, have sent in their returns as required by the Constitution, and I am certain the financial difficulties under which this Lodge is laboring is not owing to lack of zeal on the part of its members. I would therefore recommend that this Lodge be allowed representation at this session of Grand Lodge.

I must again direct the attention of Grand Lodge to a recommendation made in my report of last year, that an expert Brother be appointed to travel amongst the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, as I believe this to be absolutely necessary in order to maintain harmony in the work, and retain many of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.

In concluding my report I must again thank you for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted.

D. G. DICK, D. D. G. M.,
No. 2, or Emerson District.

NO. 3.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, February 10th, 1884.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

According to established custom I present my report of the state of Masonry in District No. 3 during the past year.

The progress made in the year just past, though not great, has been founded on a good and substantial basis, and gives me the strongest encouragement to hope that from the foundations laid the superstructure will reflect credit on the builders.

Dispensations.

I granted a dispensation to the brethren of Assiniboine and Marquette Lodges to appear in regalia in public, for the purpose of attending divine worship on the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

Being myself a member of this Lodge, I will not extend my report as to its condition beyond saying that the increase in membership has not been as large as could be desired, yet the work done has been well done under the able direction of W. Bro. Marlatt, who has been W. M. of this Lodge for two years, and is now succeeded by W. Bro. Collins, a most enthusiastic Mason.

Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

I visited this Lodge in July for the purpose of making an official visit, and to consider a difficulty between two of the brethren, which I am glad to say was then amicably settled, thus avoiding any further proceedings. I found W. Bro. McGregor an energetic and skilful workman. This Lodge still maintains its superiority in having the best kept books and most complete records in the District—all due to the efforts of the worthy Secretary, Bro. Chambers, who has been re-elected.

Marquette Lodge No. 21.

I visited this Lodge on several occasions, and found the work well done, and the books well kept. To W. Bro. White's untiring efforts the success of this Lodge is mainly due, and I am pleased to know that he has been re-elected, and I have no doubt the W. Bro. will still continue his efforts to make Marquette Lodge the best worked Lodge in the District.

Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

I visited this Lodge in July, and regret that owing to the absence of a candidate no work was done, but from the well-known skill of the W. M., I am satisfied that the Lodge has been well governed.

I cannot conclude my report without returning my sincere thanks to the brethren of the District for the many kindnesses and courtesies received at their hands, and I trust they will ever continue their earnest labors on behalf of our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours,

R. McCUAIG, D. D. G. M.,
No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.

No. 4—MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

MINNEDOSA, February 8, 1885.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER :

In accordance with our regular custom I send you my report.

It would have given me greater pleasure to have been the bearer myself, but under the present circumstances I find it impossible to do so.

As you are about retiring from the Grand East, you will permit me to congratulate you on the successful career you have had during your long term of office, and my only regret is that I will not be with the brethren to offer my mede of approbation to one who so richly deserves it.

My official duties have not been arduous. The brethren of Corinthian Lodge No. 15 requested me to install their officers last year. I did so, assisted by W. Bro. Cowan, of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14. We were received very kindly, and were much pleased with our visit. The members work in perfect harmony, and were it not for the depression at present existing, would be in a good financial position. I had occasion to visit Rapid City this fall, accompanied by W. Bro. Cottingham, of Lorne Lodge No. 376 G. R. C., on the case left unsettled last year, and I was perfectly satisfied with their decision. I send you herewith a copy of their proceedings on that occasion.

My own Lodge, Prince of Wales No. 14, I have attended every lodge night. They are in good working order ; their assets will cover their liabilities, and leave something over. The greatest difficulty we have to contend with is rent, as it eats up all our income. It would be well if Grand Lodge would organize some system or plan to assist lodges in having lodge rooms their own property ; the lodges so assisted repaying Grand Lodge by yearly instalments, giving a mortgage in the meantime on the building. I should feel gratified if Grand Lodge would think over this question, as it will materially forward the interests of our Order.

Trusting that the Most High will assist you in your just endeavors,

I remain, fraternally yours,

JAMES LESLIE, D. D. G. M.,
No. 4 or Minnedosa District.

NO. 5—BRANDON DISTRICT.

BRANDON, January 23rd, 1885.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

At the last regular communication of this Grand Lodge I had the honor of

being appointed D. D. G. M. of Brandon District, and now beg leave to submit the following report. I have visited each lodge in the District during my term of office and have found the Masters well posted in the work and ably assisted by their Wardens and Deacons.

Brandon Lodge No. 19.

During the month of April I visited this Lodge and found Wor. Bro. Dickson in the chair. The work done in this Lodge during the past year has been performed in a very creditable manner both by Wor. Bro. Dickson and his successor, Wor. Bro. McDiarmid, ably assisted by Wor. Bro. Burns. During the past year this Lodge has not admitted many new members, but those who have been admitted are of the right material and will prove a credit to the craft. I am sorry to have to report this Lodge heavily in debt on the completion of their new hall. This Lodge had to purchase furniture which cost nearly $900, and in these dull times the burden presses heavily on the Lodge, but still the members feel that in a short time their Lodge will be on a good financial footing, and trust that by the time of the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge Brandon Lodge will be able to report itself out of debt. Death has removed one of our Charter members during the past year, Bro. Thomas Burns. From the commencement of the Lodge Bro. Burns took an active part in its work, and although an old man, the night must have been a stormy one that he was not to be found in his place. He has left us, but his name will not soon be forgotten, and we trust that he is now with the world's Great Architect in the Grand Lodge above.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

In August, accompanied by several brethren from Brandon, I visited this Lodge. I was well pleased with the work done that night by the W. Master, Bro. Ovas, and also by the other officers. The Wor. Master conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree the night of our visit, and did his work in a very excellent manner. There were also two brethren raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason the same night by Wor. Bros. Dickson and Burns, of Brandon Lodge. The books of this Lodge are well kept and reflect credit on their Secretary. From the interest taken by the officers and members of this Lodge in the work, and the fact of its being held in one of the best settled parts of the District, Glenwood Lodge will in a short time be second to none in Brandon District, both in efficiency and numbers. After the close of the Lodge the visiting brethren were invited to partake of an excellent supper, after which a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Carberry Lodge U. D.

Accompanied by Wor. Bro. Dickson I visited this Lodge in the beginning of January and was present during the ceremony of initiation. I was well pleased with the manner in which the work was done by Wor. Bro. Dickie, who is well up in the work, and is ably assisted by his officers. I am not able

to report on the manner in which the books of this Lodge are kept, as the Secretary had only received the Lodge books a few days before my visit and had not time to copy into the record from the rough minutes However, by the willingness shown by the Secretary to do his work in a proper manner, I have no doubt that before now he has the books in good shape and ready for inspection by the Grand Secretary. From what I have seen during my visit to this Lodge I would recommend that a warrant be granted to Carberry Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. McGREGOR, D. D. G. M.,
No. 5, or Brandon District.

No. 6—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

PRINCE ALBERT, February 4th, 1885.

The M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I regret to say that I have been unable for various reasons to visit all the Lodges in District No. 6 or Alberta District. Kinistino Lodge No. 16, in Prince Albert, is in a fairly prosperous condition. It is the only Lodge I have been able to visit.

I have the honor to be,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

JAMES FLETT, D. D. G. M.,
No. 6, or Alberta District.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, seconded by W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Grand Secretary herewith presents his Annual Report, exhibiting all transactions of his office as may be of interest to your officers and members, together with such suggestions and recommendations as he deems worthy the attention of Grand Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS.

As usual, the first care of your Grand Secretary was to prepare the Proceedings for the press, and get them out at the earliest day possible.

The contract for printing was awarded to Messrs. Walker & May, of this city; the work was commenced on February 20th, and on April 15th I received the printed copies, which were distributed in the usual manner heretofore many times mentioned. I am gratified to know that the typographical appearance surpasses those of former years, and has received the commendation of reviewers of other jurisdictions.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

The six lodges to which Charters were granted at the last Annual Communication were properly constituted, and had their officers installed by deputies specially appointed for that purpose by the M. W. Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS TO NEW LODGES.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication, dispensations for the formation of new Lodges were issued from this office, by direction of the M. W. Grand Master as follows:

April 2nd, 1884, Manitou Lodge, Manitou, Manitoba.
April 7th, 1884, Carberry Lodge, Carberry, Manitoba.
November, 18th, 1884, Battle Lodge, Battleford, N. W. T.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The following changes in the corps of our Grand Representatives have occurred during the past year, namely:

On the 27th March, 1884, a commission was issued by direction of the M. W. Grand Master to W. Bro. Jacob Krohn, of Freeport, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vice Bro. Arch. A. Glenn, left jurisdiction.

On the 27th March, 1884, a Commission was issued to Bro. Chas. M. Cottril, of Milwaukee, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

On July 22nd, 1884, a Commission was issued to V. W. Bro. Jas. Cranston, of Edinburgh, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

On August 28th, 1884, a Commission was issued to W. Bro. General Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vice M. W. Bro. Alfred R. Potter, deceased.

On October 6th, 1884, a Commission was issued to Bro. Andrew L. Johnson, of Wilmington, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Delaware, vice Bro. D. W. Carter, deceased.

On January 15th, 1885, a Commission was issued to Bro. Samuel Roy, of Lead City, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

I have received letters acknowledging the receipt and acceptance of their Commissions from each of the brethren named.

Commissions have been received at this office, appointing the following named brethren Representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

March 17th, 1884, R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, of Minnedosa, for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, vice Bro. Jas. Henderson.

March 19th, 1884, V. W. Bro. A. MacKeand, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

June 4th, 1884, R. W. Bro, Wm. G. Scott, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, vice Bro. Arch. McNee.

June 28th, 1884, R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Independent Symbolic Lodge of Mexico.

August 16th, 1884, V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, vice V. W. Bro. Alex. Christie, deceased.

September 9th, 1884, V. W. Bro. S. R. Marlatt, of Portage la Prairie, for the Grand Lodge of Kansas, vice Bro. John Boultbee, left jurisdiction.

November 18, 1884, M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

November 18, 1884, R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, of Minnedosa, for the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, vice Bro. John Norquay, whose term of office has expired.

January 15, 1885, R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, of Minnedosa, for the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

HISTORICAL REGISTERS.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I compiled a form of Register adapted to the requirements of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and procured fifty copies of same. Applications have been received from fifteen Lodges for copies, and I trust before the close of the present year that all Lodges will be supplied. A book of this kind is absolutely essential in the proper keeping of the history and records, without which a correct return to Grand Lodge cannot be prepared.

BLANK RETURNS.

The stock of blank returns having become exhausted, it became necessary to order a fresh supply. I found that an improvement on the old form was necessary, so I communicated with the Grand Secretaries of several of our sister Grand Lodges, who forwarded to me copies of the forms in use in their offices. Upon making a careful examination of each, I came to the conclusion that no one form was adapted in its entirety to our requirements. I therefore selected

the most desirable points of each, and had our present form of returns printed. A copy is herewith submitted, which speaks for itself.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I am happy to report greater promptitude in making returns than in any previous year, and these returns are far more accurate and business-like than heretofore ; yet on January 6th, the date on which the Constitution requires that they shall be forwarded, only the following had been received, viz. :—Ancient Landmark No. 3, St. John's No. 4, King Solomon No. 8, Northern Light No. 10, Gladstone No. 11, Stonewall No. 12, Prince of Wales No. 14, Brandon No. 19, Marquette No. 21, Wascana No. 23, Neepawa No. 24, Ionic No. 25, Moose Jaw No. 26, Glenwood No. 27, Bow River No. 28, and Manitou, U. D.

The Returns of the following Lodges were found correct in every important particular :—Prince Rupert's No. 1, St. John's No. 4, Hiram No. 5, Emerson No. 6, King Solomon No. 8, Northern Light No. 10, Gladstone No. 11, Stonewall No. 12, Belmont No. 13, Prince of Wales No. 14, Corinthian No. 15, Kinistino No. 16, Pembina No. 20, Marquette No. 21, Pequonga No. 22, Wascana No. 23, Neepawa No. 24, Ionic No. 25, Moose Jaw No. 26, Glenwood No. 27, Bow River No. 28.

The following Returns were sent back for correction :—Lisgar No. 2, Ancient Landmark No. 3, Assiniboine No. 7, Brandon No. 19.

The returns of the following lodges were received from ten to fifteen days after the date on which the Grand Secretary is required to close his books :—Prince Rupert's No. 1, Lisgar No. 2, Hiram No. 5, Emerson No. 6, Assiniboine No. 7, Belmont No. 13, Corinthian No. 15, Brandon No. 19, Pembina No. 20, and Moose Jaw No. 26.

The indifference of the Secretaries of Belmont No. 13, Corinthian No 15, and Moose Jaw No. 26, challenges censure. It was only by repeated requests and the use of the telegraph that I succeeded in getting their returns in time to complete my report.

It is quite time that these delinquencies, when no cause therefor is shown, should be reported to the Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem expedient. I very much regret that I am compelled to refer to the matter year after year.

The returns of Al Moghreb Al Aksa No. 18, for the half year ending 27th December, 1884, have not yet been received. This Lodge was the first to send in its returns for the half year ending 24th June, 1884, and I feel confident that the delay is not the fault of the officers, but rather owing to delays in the mails. I have no doubt that their returns will be received in time to enable me to embody them in the statistical tables of our annual proceedings.

Belmont Lodge No. 13, forwarded returns but did not pay dues as required. This Lodge is welcome to the honor of being alone in its delinquency.

The following circular letter was sent to each Secretary with the blank returns:—

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A. F. & A. M.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

WINNIPEG, 20th November, 1884.

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Secretary.....Lodge No.....

DEAR SIR AND BRO:

Herewith find two blank Lodge Returns. Retain one copy, and forward the other to this office not later than 6th January, 1885. See Clauses 28 and 29 Book of Constitution, page 38. These Returns are permanent records to be filed in this office: they should be correct and complete. Failure to make them out properly causes much trouble, which can be avoided if the following directions are followed :

1. On a sheet of paper write names of Officers and Past Masters. Then read directions on page 3, under Master Masons ; and write names of M.M.'s, ON THE PAPER. So proceed under each head until the Return is complete on this paper. Then check off with last Return, and see that every name there reported is accounted for. Then prove its correctness on a slip of paper, per your "Lodge Register" and "Recapitulation." Now copy it nicely on this blank. Fill and sign certificate properly, and attach impress of seal. Look it over carefully, and then mail to Grand Secretary, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Read the copy to Lodge if desired, but do not retain the Return.

2. Returns of Lodges are made up to June 24th and December 27th.

3. For all Master Masons, members of the Lodge, the Lodge must pay dues, even if they have been raised only the night before the date to which the Return is made up. The Grand Lodge does not recognize Honorary Members. All such are to be counted as Members of the Lodge, and dues paid for them.

4. Write the names, etc., PLAINLY (Christian names in full). Remarks or notes on the Return should not be made.

5. Send the amount due Grand Lodge in cheque, money-order, or by express, on or before January 5th, 1885, and receipt will be sent by return mail. If receipt does not come promptly to hand, notify the Grand Secretary.

6. Let remittances be accompanied by letter giving NAME, NUMBER and POST-OFFICE address of your Lodge, and for what account the money is sent.

7. These matters may appear trivial, but their non-observance creates CONFUSION, DELAY, AND MUCH TROUBLE. A strict observance by EVERY Secretary would be business-like, and very satisfactory to all concerned. Those Lodges which send perfect Returns, promptly, will be reported to Grand Lodge, as well as those whose Returns are defective, and the report printed with proceedings.

In concluding my remarks under the head of "Returns of Lodges," I must again urge upon the Masters and Secretaries of Lodges the necessity of forwarding their returns as required by the Constitution, as delay in this matter causes the Grand Secretary a great amount of trouble and annoyance. With less than forty per cent. of these returns in the hands of your Grand Secretary on the 15th January, the time at my disposal would have been insufficient for the preparation of this report but for the valuable assistance given me by W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, of

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, and Bro. A. L. Young, of St. John's Lodge No. 4; and I desire here to tender them my sincere thanks.

The following summary of the Returns of the various Lodges show a satisfactory growth of our Order during the past year:

Total number Initiated	139
" " Passed	149
" " Raised	176
" " Joined	115
" " Re-instated	5
" " Dimitted	74
" " Rejected	27
" " Died	15
Membership, 27th December, 1883	1102
" " 1884	1246
Gain	144
Number of Chartered Lodges	28
" Lodges U. D.	3
Chartered Lodge reporting largest membership, Ancient Landmark No. 3	106
Chartered Lodge reporting smallest membership, Glenwood No. 27	14

REPRINT OF PROCEEDINGS.

I desire to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that there is only one complete fyle of the Proceedings in this office. The rapidly developing resources of our Territory will warrant the organization of new Lodges, and each of these, as well as the Lodges at present in existence, should be supplied with a complete fyle. I would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to take the matter of a reprint into consideration, and report at our next Annual Communication.

LIBRARY.

The time has now arrived when this Grand Lodge should take action in the matter of a Masonic Library, in order that the brethren may have an opportunity of making themselves more thoroughly conversant with the history and symbolism of our Order. I feel assured that the actual commencement of a library would result in the Order receiving many donations for its support and extension. I would therefore recommend that an appropriation be made annually for binding the Proceedings of Grand Bodies and magazines, and for the purchase of the latest Standard Masonic works. I have no doubt that brethren

having old Masonic books and magazines will devote to the library such as they are not desirous of holding.

FINANCIAL.

The annexed statements reveal the following facts in connection with the finances of Grand Lodge :

Balance on hand, 11th February, 1884	$1024 44
Receipts during the year	1699 01
	$2723 45
Expenditure during the year	$1283 30
Balance on hand	1440 15
	$2723 45

I am happy to report that there is no indebtedness against the body. This is accounted for by the promptness with which a majority of the lodges have paid their dues. While my system of close collections has not met with the approval of delinquents, the healthy condition of the treasury is a sufficient answer. Any other system would work injustice to the large number of lodges that are prompt in making their returns and payments. The Constitution requires the lodges to make returns and pay dues. Part of the monies received by them is the property of Grand Lodge and is held by them in trust. To retain these monies and disregard the law is an evidence of unworthiness to retain a Charter, or meet and work as a lodge.

THANKS.

I desire here and now to tender my sincere thanks to the following Grand Secretaries for favors received during the past year.

R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, California.
" " J. J. Mason, Canada.
" " J. K. Wheeler, Connecticut.
" " Edward C. Parmalee, Colorado.
" " T. S. Parvin, Iowa.
" " L. L. Munn, Illinois.
" " J. S. Murrow, Indian Territory.

I can assure these brethren that we shall be more than happy to reciprocate should an opportunity ever offer.

I also desire to acknowledge in this report the receipt of handsomely bound volumes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Massachusetts and Vermont ; a copy of the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a photographic copy of the original book of St. John's Lodge, of Philadelphia, dated 24th

June, 1731, that being the first Masonic Lodge organized in that country under its Colonial existence.

I take pleasure in reporting to the Grand Lodge that a liberal reduction in the rates of fare to our members in attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge has been granted by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the Manitoba & North Western Railway Company, respectively, and I would respectfully recommend that the courtesies be acknowledged by appropriate resolutions.

The various account books and registers of this office, the vouchers for the orders drawn on the Treasurer and the Federal Bank, the letter books containing copies of the six hundred letters sent from this office during the past year, the fyles of over five hundred letters from within and without the jurisdiction, are herewith presented for inspection, and the Grand Lodge in assembling for the tenth time will find everything in readiness, so far as that readiness could be advanced by this office.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

Moved by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, seconded by W. Bro. W. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To cash in hands of Grand Treasurer per Annual Report, 1884		$1024 44
" from Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1		69 25
" " Lisgar Lodge No. 2		44 50
" " Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3		118 75
" " St. John's Lodge No. 4		101 25
" " Hiram Lodge No. 5		61 50
" " Emerson Lodge No. 6		68 00
" " Assiniboine Lodge No. 7		59 50
" " King Solomon Lodge No. 8		16 00
" " Northern Light Lodge No. 10		49 50
" " Gladstone Lodge No. 11		51 25
" " Stonewall Lodge No. 12		38 25
" " Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14		78 50
" " Corinthian Lodge No. 15		103 25
" " Kinistino Lodge No. 16		46 75
" " Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17		45 50
Carried forward		$1976 19

	Brought forward	$1976 19
To cash from	Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18	58 71
" "	Brandon Lodge No. 19	92 25
" "	Pembina Lodge No. 20	80 00
" "	Marquette Lodge No. 21	43 00
" "	Pequonga Lodge No. 22	76 50
" "	Wascana Lodge No. 23	46 25
" "	Neepawa Lodge No. 24	41 00
" "	Ionic Lodge No. 25	97 75
" "	Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26	49 75
" "	Glenwood Lodge No. 27	36 75
" "	Bow River Lodge No. 28	85 00
" "	Carberry Lodge U. D	18 50
" "	Manitou Lodge U. D	19 00
" "	Other sources	2 80
		$2723 45

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN.

NO.	IN FAVOR OF.	
110.	Wm. G. Scott, for services as Grand Secretary, 1883	$200 00
111.	Duncan McArthur, services as Grand Tyler, 1884	15 00
112.	John McBride, services as assistant Grand Tyler, 1884	10 00
113.	G. F. & J. Galt, refreshments for Grand Lodge, 1884	7 50
114.	J. R. Lindsay, charter account	10 00
115.	R. S. Bradley, refreshments	6 50
116.	Sun Printing Co., advertising	4 00
117.	Duncan McArthur, for banquet, February, 1884	225 00
118.	" " refreshments for Grand Lodge for 1884	12 00
119.	Walker & May, books and stationery	23 00
120.	Alex. Taylor, " "	11 00
121.	H. L. Reynolds, refreshments for Grand Lodge, 1884	35 20
22.	Thomas W. Taylor, books and stationery account	12 00
123.	A. Pearson, table cloth, etc	1 45
124.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y, expenses of incorporating G. L.	100 00
125.	H. Newell, charter account	51 00
126.	Walker & May, printing account	140 60
127.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, telegraphing, etc	30 00
128.	" " " certificate account	30 50
129.	Pettibone Manufacturing Co., certificate account	101 25
130.	J. B. Trayes, stationery	5 00
131.	Walker & May, printing	34 00
132.	London Guarantee and Accident Co., Grand Secretary's bond.	15 00
	Carried forward	$1080 00

	Brought forward	$1080 00
133.	Alex. Taylor, books and stationery account	4 00
124.	J. R. Lindsay, engrossing	3 50
135.	Walker & May, printing	3 25
136.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, telegraphing, etc	16 20
137.	R. D. Richardson, historical register account	135 00
138.	Sun Printing Co., advertising	3 00
139.	Walker & May, printing	15 75
140.	Wm. G. Scott, postage, telegraphing, etc	22 60
	Balance	1440 15
		$2723 45

The funds of Grand Lodge on the 11th February, 1885, were as follows :—

Cash in Federal Bank of Canada Savings Department, at 4 %	$759 05
" " " current account	672 41
" in hands of Grand Treasurer	8 69
	$1440 15

It was moved by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, and

Resolved, That the Financial Statement of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, on behalf of the Board presented and read the following report :

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit their annual report as follows :

Six meetings have been held during the year, at which the usual routine business was transacted. At the first meeting W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson was elected Vice-President.

The manuscript copy of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication was closely examined by the Board previous to publication.

The Board at its first meeting, in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge, requested the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to find guarantee bonds. The Grand Secretary gave the same, but the Grand Treasurer declined, and we, after giving notice to the Grand Treasurer that action would be taken if he did not give the bonds, decided in September last that it was our

duty, as the Grand Treasurer declined to give the same, to deposit the funds of the Grand Lodge in a chartered bank to the credit of the Grand Lodge, and only to be drawn upon the joint cheque of the President of the Board and the Grand Secretary, which was done, and to report the circumstance to the Grand Lodge, which we now do.

The term of office of the following members of your Board expires at this session: R. W. Bros. G. F. Carruthers and J. A. Griffith, and W. Bros. A. MacKeand, and John McKechnie.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. FORREST,
President Board of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Wellwood, seconded by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, and

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented and read the following reports from the Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Pennsylvania:

21 REGENT STREET,
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, June 30th, 1884.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, AND WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as Representative of your Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as follows.

My last report was dated 31st December, 1883; since which date the progress of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction has continued unimpaired. The first notable event to which I feel is necessary to direct attention is the opening and consecration of the Masonic Hall just erected at a cost of £20,000 sterling, or say $100,000, which took place on January 23rd of the present year, but I content myself with simply drawing your attention to this ceremonial, as full particulars respecting it were given in my last report.

Perhaps the most important event which has occurred during the half year is the erection of a Grand Lodge for the Colony of South Australia, which took place at Adelaide on April 17th, in the presence of a very large number of the members of the craft. This Grand Lodge has been established under more favorable circumstances than those attached to the foundation of either of the

other Grand Lodges in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions, no less than 33 out of 35 lodges in the Colony having united in its formation. The brethren in South Australia appear to be very confident that owing to this fact their Grand Lodge will at once be awarded fraternal recognition by all the Grand Lodges of the world, but from the experience gained by New South Wales and Victoria I am compelled to say I think it very doubtful if the Grand Lodges of Great Britain will in this instance act in a manner so contrary to their previous records. The Hon. Samuel James Way, Chief Justice of the Colony, was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Bro. J. H. Cunningham, R. W. Grand Secretary. Upon receipt of the usual application for fraternal intercourse I have no doubt that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will give its careful attention to the request of its youngest Australian sister. That the movement is spreading in these southern seas is shown by the fact that at the present moment the Grand Secretary of New South Wales is in communication with the brethren of New Zealand and Queensland, who are desirous of establishing Grand Lodges in their respective territories.

This evening the last of the installations of Worshipful Masters, and the investment of officers, under the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, for the ensuing twelve months, has taken place, and from my knowledge of the brethren who have been selected by the various lodges, I do not hesitate to say that from their ability I anticipate a successful year. As a general rule those chosen are brethren who are imbued with the genial spirit of Free Masonry, while there is also an undercurrent of good feeling abroad amongst the members at large.

The officers of the Grand Lodge were installed at the Annual Communication, held on St. John's Day. Our new Grand Master, Dr. Harman J. Tarrant, is a member of the Legislative Assembly, and is highly esteemed amongst the brethren. His official utterances—which you will find reported in full in the *Freemason*—have already won golden opinions from all sides, and I trust and believe that, with his advent to office, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales will go on in the good work she has already begun, and become better appreciated as she becomes better known.

I have the honor to be,

M. W. Sir and R. W. Brethren,

Fraternally yours,

ALFRED BURNE,
P. S. G. Warden,

Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16th, 1885.

John Headley Bell, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Manitoba, Canada.

SIR AND BROTHER,—As your Representative at and near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, I fraternally report, that since my letter of September last past, the said Grand Lodge has held two communications: an Annual Communication on Wednesday, December 3rd, 1884, at which officers were elected to serve during the current Masonic year; and a Grand Communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27th, 1884, at which the officers elected were duly installed.

R. W. Bro. Day having declined a re-election as Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother E. Coppee Mitchell, was elected his successor by an unanimous vote. The R. W. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens were by similar votes advanced to the stations of Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden respectively. Brother J. Simpson Africa (Secretary of Internal Affairs of the State of Pennsylvania) was elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden. At the Annual Communication the customary other officers and committees were appointed.

Peace and harmony prevail within this jurisdiction, and fraternal relations of the most cordial character continue with the Masonic world at large.

The only other incident of general Masonic interest occurring during the year 1884, was the establishment of a "Home" for aged and indigent Free Masons. This enterprise was brought to a successful conclusion on St. John's Day, when the first inmate was admitted; and on New Year's Day the "Home" was formally opened with appropriate and interesting ceremonies.

A long felt want has thus been creditably filled, and the craft in Pennsylvania has put itself in accord with the teachings of our Fraternity, and abreast with other jurisdictions.

I have the honor to forward in this mail marked copies of "The Keystone," which will advise you, in greater detail, of the matters named in this report.

The official statement of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge in 1884, is now going through the press, and a copy of the same will be forwarded as soon as published.

Trusting that brotherly good-will and general prosperity may continue within the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge, and that this may find you personally in the enjoyment of good health,

I am, fraternally and respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LOUIS WAGNER,
Grand Representative.

Ordered, That the Report of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Pennsylvania be published in the Proceedings.

NEW ORLEANS EXPOSITION.

The following communication from M. W. Bro. James L. Lobdell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was read, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge returned to the Grand Master and Masons of Louisiana.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,
GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

NEW ORLEANS, October 1st, 1884.

Whereas, we anticipate with pleasant expectation a large influx of our fellow-citizens and Brethren of the Craft from the various jurisdictions of the world, during the progress of the "World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition," to be holden within our city, commencing on the 3rd day of December of the current year, and continuing for six months; and whereas, during the said time, say February 9th to 13th, our Grand Lodge will meet in Annual Communication; therefore, we, the Grand Master of Masons of Louisiana, hereby extend, in behalf of the Grand Lodge and ourselves, to you and to the Brethren of your jurisdiction, a hearty and fraternal invitation to join with us on the said occasion, enabling us to bestow upon you and them that honorable welcome which is due to Rank and Brotherhood, thus evincing our pleasure and that spirit of amity and fraternity which should actuate Brethren such as we. Trusting we may be afforded this desirable privilege,

We are, most fraternally,

[SEAL] JAMES L. LOBDEL,
Grand Master.

Attest:
JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary takes occasion to extend the conveniences of his office and of the Grand Lodge Library to all Brethren in good standing.

INTERCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by W. Bro. W. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana, now in session.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Grand Secretary telegraphed the following messages :

WINNIPEG, 11th February, 1885.

J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, Jackson, Mississippi.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in tenth annual session, sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and mourns with her the deaths of Past Grand Masters French and Howrie, whose memories we duly honor.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

WINNIPEG, 11th February, 1885.

J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in tenth annual session sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. May peace and prosperity attend you.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

At a later period during the session the following telegrams were received in response :

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, February 12th, 1885.

Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

The kind greetings of your Grand Lodge received this morning and reference to Past Grand Masters Howrie and French specially appreciated. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi wishes continued prosperity to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

J. L. POWER,
Grand Secretary.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, February 12th, 1885.

Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana in seventy-third session greatly appreciates your greetings and sentiments of Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and sincerely reciprocates good wishes.

Fraternally,
JAMES L. LOBDELL.
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by W. Bro. Alfred Ashdown, and

Resolved, That the election of officers be held at 3 p. m. to-morrow, the 12th inst.

W. Bro. W. G. Bell gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow, he would move the usual money grants for salaries and expenses attending the present session of Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. Thomas Robinson gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow, he would move that a grant of $150 be made from the funds of this Grand Lodge to the Masonic Benevolence Committee of Winnipeg

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet again on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 12th February, 1885.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

CREDENTIALS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following credentials of representatives of sister Grand Lodges were presented and accepted by the Grand Lodge, and the Representatives saluted with the customary Grand Honors, viz:—

R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, for the Grand Lodges of Dakota and Washington Territory.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and the Grand Independent Symbolic Lodge of Mexico.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, for the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, for the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

V. W. Bro. Alfred MacKeand, for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

REPORT ON ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

The Board of General Purposes in presenting their report on the Grand Master's Address, desire to reciprocate his cordial greeting, and assure him that much of the pleasure which the delegates have experienced has arisen from his own kindly greeting, friendly recognition and introductions extended especially to brethren from a distance. Friendships have been formed under his fostering care which bear, and will bear, fruit, we trust, even after labor is laid aside, and we enter the courts of the Temple above.

Your Board rejoice in the fact that the various District Deputy Grand Masters have been able to materially lessen the labors of the Grand Master, and trust they may continue to do so more and more as constitutional law and practice become better known, yet we are glad to find that the Grand Master has, with his usual alacrity, responded to every special call.

Your Board desire to express their gratification at the fact that the use of intoxicating liquors is being discontinued in the refreshment rooms and banqueting halls of lodges. We also learn with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of Canada has expressed its approval of such action within its jurisdiction, and would recommend that our Grand Lodge do likewise.

Your Board rejoices to find that notwithstanding the depression of the times, brethren in several districts have made application for the formation of new lodges, dispensations for which have been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, and we would recommend that, after due investigation into the books and facts, if found necessary, charters be granted this session.

Your Board have considered the case of Oakland Lodge No. 9, and are glad that we are able to report in accordance with the suggestions of the Grand Master.

We note with approval the action of the Grand Master in the cases of Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, and Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17. We also observe that the lodges for which warrants were granted at last communication, have been constituted by the Grand Master or by brethren duly commissioned by him for that purpose.

The correspondence of the Grand Master has been larger than in former years, but as usual, has been promptly attended to by him.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge that no "decisions" have been called for from the Grand Master during the past year.

We notice that a number of dispensations other than those for new lodges have been granted by the Grand Master during the year, all of which appear to have been fully warranted.

Your Board have pleasure in uniting with the Grand Master in expressions of thanks to R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Secretary, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Your Board also notice the reference of the Grand Master to the absence of M. W. Bro. Col. W. N. Kennedy, in his country's service in Egypt, and join him in prayer to the great "I AM" that our M. W. Bro. may safely pass through the dangers of the campaign and return in health and strength.

Your Board note the allusions of the Grand Master to the report of the D. D. G. Ms., Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

We heartily concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master that a grant in aid of the Masonic Benevolence Committee of Winnipeg be made by this Grand Lodge, as at present this is the only organized channel through which the Grand Lodge can exercise that virtue, which is the chief adornment of our Order. We feel, however, that the time is fast approaching when the Grand Lodge itself should establish a Benevolent Fund or undertake some distinctively charitable work.

Your Board, while aquiescing in what the Grand Lodge of Canada says regarding immigration from the Mother Country, regret the conclusion to which they have come. We feel that from the newness of settlement in this country, and the extent of territory, the cases are not parallel.

We congratulate Grand Lodge and the Order upon the passage of the bill for the Incorporation of this Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges, and are glad to see that Stonewall Lodge No. 12, has the honor of being the first to take advantage of the Act.

The Grand Master is deserving of the best thanks of Grand Lodge and the Order for his services in promoting the passage of the Bill through the Legislature.

Your Board notice with approval the caution of the Grand Master regarding amendments to the Constitution.

We learn with pleasure that our relations to foreign and sister Grand Lodges during the past year have been of the most harmonious and fraternal character, and are pleased with the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and approve of the steps taken by the Grand Master in this connection.

We observe that several changes in the list of Representatives to and from Grand Lodges have been made, and beg to express our approval of the same.

We recommend the careful consideration of Grand Lodge to the question of recognizing the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Peru, Victoria and Mexico, and that action relative to the same be taken at this session.

Your Board join with the M. W. Grand Master in mourning the loss of our departed brethren during the year, and add our tribute of appreciation to their memories.

Your Board would draw the special attention of the brethren to the faithful and comprehensive retrospect of the Grand Master, written in his inimitable style, and feel that any curtailment of the passage on their part would only mar its beauty and effect. We would earnestly recommend its careful perusal to every member of the Order from the youngest entered apprentice in the north-east corner of the lodge to the occupant of the chair in the Grand East.

Your Board feel that it is but fair to acknowledge that the present proud position of this Grand Lodge is to a very great extent due to the ability and devotion of M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Bell, and to bear witness to the fact that he has at all times performed his duties in the most faithful and efficient manner.

We feel that it would be to the interest of this Grand Lodge and Masonry in the Northwest if the M. W. Grand Master could see his way clear to retain his present position, and we refuse to admit even by inference that a "worthier" can be found for the Grand East.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE REPORTS OF THE D. D. G. M's.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following Report :

The Board of General Purposes have perused and considered the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and are gratified to hear of the prosperous condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction ; of the improvement in work of the lodges, and increase in members in the craft.

Your Board are pleased to note the manner in which the D. D. G. M's have performed their duties, and would urge that the expenses of visiting in each district should be borne by the Lodges of same equally. We congratulate Winnipeg District No. 1 upon their action in presenting to their D. D. G. M. the necessary regalia for his office, and would recommend the other Districts to follow this good example.

Your Board are entirely in accord with R. W. Bro. A. Pearson in his views as to the immediate collection of dues by the Lodges, and join with him in strongly urging upon them that they should depend for support upon their dues, which should be adequate to defray the necessary running expenses, and leave the income from other sources for charity and other incidentals.

We notice with pleasure the report of the Masonic Benevolent Board of Winnipeg, and the work by them done ; and would recommend Grand Lodge to make a grant of at least $100 in aid of same.

R. W. Bro. A. Pearson reports that before installing the W. Masters in his District, he caused them to pass an examination showing their proficiency and ability to perform the duties of the office ; of which your Board highly approve, and we recommend that the same rule be observed, and strictly carried out, in every District in the jurisdiction.

Your Board are pleased to learn from R.W. Bro. J. Leslie that the Rapid City case, left unsettled from last year, is settled in a manner satisfactory to him.

We notice the suggestion of R. W. Bro. Leslie, that Grand Lodge should organize some system or plan to assist Lodges in having their lodge rooms their own property, and would recommend that Grand Lodge do consider the said matter and have it fully discussed.

Your Board note the suggestion of R. W. Bro. Dick, D. D. G. M., District No. 2, as to the appointment of some expert Brother to travel continuously to the subordinate lodges, and recommend the same to the consideration of Grand Lodge.

We notice the recommendation of R. W. Bro. Dick as to Belmont Lodge, and report same for consideration of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, and

Resolved. That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON LODGES, U. D.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following Report:

Your Board beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the following lodges at present working under Dispensation, and having made due enquiry into the circumstances stated in their application, have much pleasure in recommending that warrants be granted:

Carberry Lodge, Carberry, Manitoba.
Manitou Lodge, Manitou, Manitoba.

Your Board feel that too much praise cannot be given to the Secretary of Carberry Lodge for the neat and correct manner in which the minutes are kept.

Your Board would also recommend that the Worshipful Master of Manitou Lodge be instructed to affix his signature as Worshipful Master after the minutes of previous meetings are confirmed in open lodge.

Your Board, not having received any proceedings of Battle Lodge, U. D., cannot express an opinion as to their working, and would recommend that Battle Lodge be continued under dispensation for another year. Your Board notice that neither Carberry nor Manitou Lodges have copied the dispensation into their minute book. This was probably owing to the fact that they were not aware such should be done. It will therefore be necessary that the Grand Secretary be instructed to write them on the matter.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. A. MacKeand, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Lodges, U. D., be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

W. Bro. J. W. H Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following Report :

Your Board fully endorse the remarks of the M. W. Grand Master relating to the R. W. Grand Secretary, and the manner in which he has performed the duties of his office ; and congratulate Grand Lodge in the possession of such a faithful and efficient officer.

We notice the improvement in the returns and payment of dues and believe that in another year the Grand Secretary will have induced the officers of subordinate lodges to be strictly on time and do everything in order.

The Board desire to express approval of the Historical Register, and trust that each lodge in the jurisdiction will, before the end of the present session of Grand Lodge, be in possession of a copy, and have the same at once properly written up.

We note the improvement mentioned by the Grand Secretary in the work and material in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and consider that same reflect credit on the contractors, Messrs. Walker & May ; also the suggestion by the Grand Secretary as to a reprint of the proceedings, and would recommend that a committee be appointed to take the matter into consideration.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge on the condition of its finances, and in the fact that there is no indebtedness against Grand Lodge. This speaks well for the promptness of subordinate lodges in the matter of dues and returns.

Your Board notice the suggestion of the Grand Secretary as to a grant for a Library Fund, and recommend that the matter be referred to the committee to be appointed on the Reprint of Proceedings to report on at next annual session of Grand Lodge.

We would recommend votes of thanks to the Canadian Pacific Railway and Manitoba & North Western Railway Companies, respectively, for the kind and liberal reduction in the rates of fare to members attending Grand Lodge.

Considering the increase in the work of the office and the importance of the same, we are of opinion that the time has arrived when a permanent salary should be paid to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and we recommend that Grand Lodge take action in the matter. We suggest that $400 be granted to him at the present session for past services.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by V. W. Bro. G. D. McVicar, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following Report :

The Board, to whom was referred the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg to report that they have made a careful and searching examination of the books, vouchers and statements of these officials and have found them all correct, and the balance on hand as stated. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by them as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The Board cannot close without a reference to the state of the books of the Grand Secretary, which are kept in a neat and business-like manner, and reflect credit on that official.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. MacKeand, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Financial Statement of the Grand Secretary be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

W. Bro. J. W. H Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following Report :

Your Board having thoroughly looked into the various documents submitted to them regarding the newly formed Grand Lodges of Arizona, Espanola, Mexico, South Australia, and Victoria, would recommend that this Grand Lodge extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Mexico, and South Australia, and that action in the matter of the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Espanola and Victoria be deferred for another year.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following Report :

Your Board beg leave to report that they have examined all the papers and documents in the case of Marquette Lodge No. 21 against Bro. C. Q. Chamberlain, for the embezzlement of the funds of said Lodge while acting as Secretary of same, and consider that their action in suspending him and recommending his expulsion, was legitimate and regular.

Your Board do therefore recommend that the said Bro. C. Q. Chamberlain be expelled.

With regard to the charges preferred against Bro. L. W. Hawkesworth by the members of Corinthian Lodge No. 15, we do not consider that they have taken the proper steps in the matter. Your Board recommend that the Grand Lodge instruct the Grand Secretary to write Corinthian Lodge directing them how to proceed if they desire so to do.

Moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted a supplementary report showing the following Representative as being present :

No. 29, Carberry Lodge, W. Bro. N. Dickie, W. M.

CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication it was moved by W. Bro. D. Hope, seconded by W. Bro. Thos. Robinson, and

Resolved, That the word five be inserted in place of ten in clause 1, page 44, Book of Constitution, relating to life membership.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE AND AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, and

Resolved, That the following Brethren be appointed a committee to revise and amend the Constitution:—R. W. Bros. J. W. Harris, A. Pearson and W. G. Scott, and W. Bros. J. W. H. Wilson, Thomas Robinson, W. G. Bell and W. J. Ptolemy.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication it was moved by V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph, seconded by W. Bro. John Leslie, that the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg permanently.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro J. M. Wellwood, seconded by R. W. Bro. Dr N. J. Lindsay, that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following supplementary report:

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies beg to report that at the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge there are 31 Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, represented as follows: 16 by their duly qualified officers, and 7 by proxies, and that 8 are unrepresented.

The total number of votes entitled to be cast at this Annual Communication is 120.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. H. WILSON,
JOHN McKECHNIE,
W. J. PTOLEMY.
} Committee.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

REMUNERATION TO GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. G Bell, seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Raymer, and

Resolved, That the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, as recommended by the Board of General Purposes, be paid R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott for his services as Grand Secretary during the past year.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, and

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed at Four Hundred Dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Raymer, and

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Dollars be paid the Grand Tyler for his services, and that W. Bro. Joseph Hursell be paid Five Dollars for his services as assistant Grand Tyler.

GRANT TO BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, seconded by W. Bro. C. N. Bell, and

Resolved, That a grant of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars be made from the funds of this Grand Lodge to the Masonic Benevolence Committee of Winnipeg.

GRANT IN AID OF GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

It was moved by V. W. Bro Wm. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Raymer, and

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Dollars placed at the disposal of the Grand Secretary, to be applied for the purposes of the library, in binding proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE PRINTED.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Raymer, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed under the supervision of the Board of General Purposes, not less than seven hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

NEW MASONIC DISTRICT.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That a new Masonic District be formed to embrace all the territory included in the geographical boundaries of the Empire of Morocco, to be known as No. 7 or Morocco District.

PAST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Rayner, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, under direction of the Board of General Purposes, be authorized to procure parchment forms of Past Master's Certificates and Life Membership Certificates, and that he regulate the price at which they are to be issued to lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master retired from the Grand Lodge, when the chair was taken by R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Deputy Grand Master.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. JOHN H. BELL.

It was moved by W. Bro. H. J. Raymer, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, in view of the retirement of its present Grand Master, who has presided in the Grand East for so many years with such marked ability, cannot let the present session of this Grand Body close without in some manner giving expression to the esteem in which he is held by the craft, and that a committee of five, consisting of R. W. Bros. C. F. Forrest, Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Rev. Canon O'Meara, W. G. Scott and W. Bro. J. W.

H. Wilson, be appointed to take the matter into consideration and report to this Grand Lodge at the evening session.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by W. Bro. C. N. Bell, and

Resolved, That an Audit Committee be appointed, consisting of W. Bros. Alfred MacKeand and W. J. Ptolemy, to examine the books of Stonewall Lodge No. 12 and Marquette Lodge No. 21, to ascertain the items composing the discrepancy between their account with Grand Lodge and the books of the Grand Secretary, said committee to report at the evening session.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz:—R. W. Bros J. W. Harris, E. G. Conklin and D. B. Murray

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term, viz.:

R. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, Brandon, Grand Senior Warden.

W. Bro. Thomas Collins, Portage la Prairie, Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Minnedosa, Grand Chaplain.

W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.

V. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M. W. Grand Master, viz.:

W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, Winnipeg—No. 1, or Winnipeg District.

R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, Dominion City—No. 2, or Emerson District.

R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie—No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.

W. Bro. Dr. S. A. Cornell, Rapid City—No. 4, or Minnedosa District.

R. W. Bro. John Dickson, Chater—No. 5, or Brandon District.

R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Calgary—No. 6, or Alberta District.

R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, Tangier—No. 7, or Morocco District.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

V. W. Bro. D. Hope, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. Alfred McKeand, Winnipeg.

Subsequently the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, Rat Portage.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, seconded by V. W. Bro. D. Hope, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alfred MacKeand, seconded by W. Bro. L. W. Coutlee, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Companies for the courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this

Communication, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the several companies named.

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 7:45 p. m.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8:45 p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and representatives.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. John H. Bell proceeded with the installation and investure of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " W. W. Ireland, Emerson, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " H. J. Raymer, Winnipeg, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg, Grand Sword Bearer.
" " Alfred Ashdown, Stonewall, Grand Pursuivant.
" " George Murdoch, Calgary, Grand Steward.
" " John A. Davidson, Neepawa " "
" " J. A. Kerr, Regina, " "
" " J. McDiarmid, Brandon, " "
" " E. O. Dennison, Minnedosa, " "
" " James Greig, Selkirk, " "
" " J. J. White, Winnipeg, " "
" " R. A. Cowan, Rapid City, " "

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of a presentation to M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, beg to report as follows :

Your Committee would recommend that a committee be appointed by Grand Lodge to procure a Past Grand Master's Jewel with appropriate inscription, and present it to M. W. Bro. John H. Bell in the name of Grand Lodge.

Understanding that it is the intention of M. W. Bro. Bell to take a trip to New Orleans after the close of this session, and believing that it would please Grand Lodge to contribute towards the enjoyment of our respected Brother in his well earned holiday, we recommend that the Grand Treasurer be directed to issue a cheque for one hundred dollars in favor of M. W. Bro. Bell, and forward same to him, with a copy of this report.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee appointed to arrange for a presentation to M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

W. Bro. A. MacKeand, on behalf of the Audit Committee, presented and read the following Report :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the books and papers of Stonewall and Marquette Lodges, to ascertain the items composing the discrepancies between their accounts with Grand Lodge and the books of the Grand Secretary, beg to report as follows :

We find the account against Stonewall Lodge No. 12 in the books of the Grand Secretary, showing a balance of indebtedness to Grand Lodge on June 2nd, 1884, of $52.25, to be correct with the following exceptions :

An amount of..... appears to have been paid to J. Henderson, Grand Secretary, in February, 1882, and not credited to this Lodge. See report of Board of General Purposes to Grand Lodge in 1882.	$19 75
An amount charged February 11, 1884, of..... for dispensation. Charge cancelled, per Grand Secretary's letter, March 12, 1884.	10 00
Thus leaving a balance due by Stonewall Lodge No. 12 of	22 50
	$52 25

We have carefully checked over the Returns from Marquette Lodge No. 21, and compared same with the Grand Secretary's books, and find this Lodge still owing Grand Lodge on open account, as per accompanying statement, a balance at this date of $24.50.

Fraternally submitted,

A. MACKEAND,
W. J. PTOLEMY,
Audit Committee.

WINNIPEG, February 12th 1885.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. MacKeand, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, and

Resolved, That the report of the Audit Committee be received and adopted.

BENEVOLENCE BOARD.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, and

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes take into consideration the formation of a General Benevolence Board for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and with full power to make arrangements for the formation of such Benevolence Board, and report at next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

GRAND LIBRARIANS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, and

Resolved, That R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott and W. Bro. C. N. Bell, be appointed Grand Librarians.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following committees :

Foreign Correspondence,—R. W. Bros. Wm. G. Scott, J. W. H. Wilson and V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

To procure and present a testimonial to M. W. John H. Bell,—V. W. Bros. Wm. G. Bell, H. J. Raymer, J. Y. Cain and Thomas Robinson.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

1. By V. W. Bro. H. J. Raymer—That clause 7 of Constitution under the heading "Of Proposing Members," be amended by striking out "or admitted a" in first line, also "member of" in second line, and the word "admitted" in last line, and insert the word "initiated" in lieu thereof.

The clause as amended to read as follows :

No person shall be made a Mason in a Lodge if on the ballot two black balls appear against him. Some Lodges wish for no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present. The by-laws of each Lodge must therefore guide it in this respect, but if there be two black balls such person cannot on any pretence be initiated.

2. By V.W. Bro. H. J. Raymer,—That a new clause be added to the Constitution under the heading "Of Proposing Members," as follows :

A Master Mason in good standing in this or any other jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge may be admitted a member of a Lodge, according to the by-laws of the Lodge to which he may make application.

3. By R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay,—That the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "third" in clause 37, page 40, under "Private Lodges," and substituting therefor the word "first."

4. By V. W. Bro. W. G. Bell,—That that portion of the Constitution which refers to the fees to be charged for masons joining from another Lodge in this jurisdiction and of masons joining from other jurisdictions be expunged.

5. By W. Bro. J. K. Brydon,—That the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba shall only comprise brethren who have been duly installed as W. Masters in Lodges holding warrants under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that brethren who have been duly registered as members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, previous to the adoption of this resolution, shall not be interfered with.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended it was closed at 10 o'clock p. m. in AMPLE FORM.

C. F. FORREST,
Grand Master.

Wm. G. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges—December 27th, 1884.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Time of Regular Meeting.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Re-instated	Dimitted.	Rejected.	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died.	Members last year.	Present Members.	
1	Prince Rupert's*. . .	Third Tuesday in each month....	4	5	5	5	1	6	2	13			94	86	
2	Lisgar*.....	First Monday in each month.	2	2	6	2		1					48	55	
3	Ancient Landmark*...	Second Monday in each month...	9	8	7	14		4	3	4		1	94	106	
4	St. John's.	First Wednesday in each month..	10	8	11	4		3	2	4		2	90	95	
5	Hiram..	Friday on or before full moon....	6	7	6	3						2	40	47	
6	Emerson.	Thursday on or before full moon..	5	9	9	2	1	10		4		1	47	44	
7	Assiniboine...	Wednesday on or before full moon	3	3	2	3		2					35	38	
8	King Solomon.....	Tuesday on or bejore full moon...			1		1	4					19	17	
9	Oakland.....	Thursday after full moon.....													No Returns.
10	Northern Light.....	Last Wednesday in each month...	3	3	2	1		3				1	68	68	
11	Gladstone.....	Tuesday on or before full moon...	7	9	9	1		3	1				37	44	
12	Stonewall..... .	Tuesday on or before full moon...	4	4	5	2	1	3		2		2	32	33	
13	Belmont.	Thursday on or before full moon..	5	4	3	1		2	1	6		1	42	37	
14	Prince of Wales	Friday on or before full moon....	2	5	6	2		2	1	2			38	42	
15	Corinthian.....	First Tuesday in each month.....	5	6	5			2	1			1	33	35	
16	Kinistino.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	1	2	2	4	1	3	2				44	48	
17	Saskatchewan.....	Monday on or before full moon...		1	1	5							29	35	
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa..	Thursday after full moon...				2		2			1	1	31	29	
19	Brandon.....	Tuesday on or before full moon...	3	7	7	4		1	2	9		1	54	54	
20	Pembina....	Wednesday on or before full moon	6	4	7	4		1					23	33	
21	Marquette...	Second Thursday in each month..	8	6	6	3		4	3				26	26	
22	Pequonga.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	14	9	12	5		3	3				36	50	
23	Wasçana.....	First Tuesday of each month.....	7	7	6	7		2					20	32	
24	Neepawa....	Wednesday on or before full moon	2	3	3								16	19	
25	Ionic.....	First Friday in each month	9	10	10	4		4	2				44	54	
26	Moose Jaw.....	Second Tuesday in each month...	4	7	10	2		9	2				28	31	
27	Glenwood.	Friday on or before full moon....	7	7	5							1	10	14	
28	Bow River.....	Monday on or before full moon...	13	13	8	5			2				24	37	
U.D	Carberry.....	Tuesday on or before full moon...				10								10	
U.D	Manitou.....	Friday on or before full moon....				19								19	
U.D	Battle.....	First Tuesday of every month				8								8	
			139	149	154	122	5	74	27	44	1	15	1102	1246	

*The three Lodges that constituted Grand Lodge in 1875.

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Post Office.	County.	W. Master.	Secretary.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	John Y. Cain	A. McT. Campbell.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	James S. Greig	F. R. Gemmel.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Wm. G. Bell	M. Bacon.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	H. J. Raymer	A. L. Young.
5	Hiram	Winnipeg	Selkirk	E. P. Leacock	Jno H. Wintersgill.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	W. W. Ireland	Wm. Mills.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Thomas Collins	W. Millar.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	R. F. McTavish	Ed. M. Maley.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin		
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Chas. N. Bell	Wm. S. Grant
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Wm. McKelvy	John Chambers.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar	Alfred Ashdown	Jas. Lawrence, jr.
13	Belmont	Nelson	Dufferin	C. F. Collins	F. A. Collins.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Edwin O. Dennison	John F. Boyd.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	James Rogerson	J. W. Wellington.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan		John F. Kennedy	R. B. Way.
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Alberta		Charles Sutter	Richard Secord.
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco, Africa		Manuel J. Novella	Rich. H. E. Martin.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	John McDiarmid	Thomas H. Towers.
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound	Rock Lake	William Cranston	John M. Fraser.
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	James J. White	Chas. D. Bell.
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Keewatin		James Weidman	G. A. Kobold.
23	Wascana	Regina, Assiniboia		John A. Kerr	Fredk K. Gibson.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	John A. Davidson	Alfred M. Dalton.
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	James J. Dunlop	Chas. J. Jamieson.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia		John T. Colton	H. N. Morphy.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Norfolk	James A. Ovas	R. B. Kirchoffer.
28	Bow River	Calgary, Alberta		George Murdoch	James R. Turnbull.
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Noble Dickie	Charles W. Maloan
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Joseph Tees	Wm. F. Ellis.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

NO. 1.—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1.—Prince Rupert's.....Winnipeg.
" 2.—Lisgar.....Selkirk.
" 3.—Ancient Landmark.....Winnipeg.
" 4.—St. John's.....Winnipeg.
" 5.—Hiram.....Kildonan.
" 10.—Northern Light.....Winnipeg.
" 12.—Stonewall.....Stonewall.
" 22.—Pequonga.....Rat Portage, Keewatin.
" 25.—Ionic.....Winnipeg.

NO. 2.—EMERSON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, *Dominion City.*

No. 6.—Emerson.....Emerson.
" 8.—King Solomon.....Morris.
" 9.—Oakland.....Carman.
" 13.—Belmont.....Nelson.
" 20.—Pembina.....Pilot Mound.
" 30.—Manitou.....Manitou.

NO. 3.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, *Portage la Prairie.*

No. 7.—Assiniboine.....Portage la Prairie.
" 11.—Gladstone.....Gladstone.
" 21.—Marquette.....Portage la Prairie.
" 24.—Neepawa.....Neepawa.

NO. 4.—MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. S. A. Cornell, *Rapid City.*

No. 14.—Prince of Wales.....Minnedosa.
" 15.—Corinthian.....Rapid City.

NO. 5.—BRANDON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John Dickson, *Chater.*

No. 19.—Brandon.....Brandon.
" 27.—Glenwood.....Souris.
" 29.—Carberry.....Carberry.

NO. 6.—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, *Calgary, Alberta.*

No 16.—Kinistino.....Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.
" 17.—Saskatchewan.....Edmonton, Alberta.
" 23.—Wascana.....Regina, Assiniboia.
" 26.—Moose Jaw.....Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
" 28.—Bow River.....Calgary, Alberta.
U. D.—Battle.....Battleford.

NO. 7.—MOROCCO DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, *Tangier, Morocco.*

No. 18.—Al Moghreb al Aksa.....Tangier, Morocco.

RECAPITULATION.

No 1.—Winnipeg District.....9
" 2.—Emerson District.....6
" 3.—Portage la Prairie District.....4
" 4.—Minnedosa District.....2
" 5.—Brandon District.....3
" 6.—Alberta District.....6
" 7.—Morocco District.....1

Total.....31

DEATHS 14.—11 LODGES.

"If thou dost bid thy friend farewell,
But for one night though that farewell may be,
Press thou his hand in thine;
How canst thou tell how far from thee
Fate or caprice may lead his steps,
Ere that to-morrow comes?"

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Robert Stalker	January 10, 1884	Ancient Landmark	3
David E. McCloy	October 17, 1884	St. John's	4
Norman Snyder	September 19, 1884.	St. John's	4
Daniel McVicar	January 3, 1884	Hiram	5
Alex. M. Sutherland	March 7, 1884	Hiram	5
F. T. Bradley	February 27, 1884	Emerson	6
Alexander Christie	July 19, 1884	Northern Light	10
Godfrey M. Weberg	May 10, 1884	Stonewall	12
Joseph H. Wells	May 14, 1884	Stonewall	12
Isaac Blair	Unknown	Belmont	13
L. A. Vaillant	Unknown	Corinthian	15
Heber Kennerley	August 6, 1884	Al Moghreb al Aksa	18
Thomas Burns	April 20, 1884	Brandon	19
William Hamilton	June 16, 1884	Glenwood	27

In Memory of

V.W. BRO. HON. ALEXANDER M. SUTHERLAND

Past Grand Steward,

Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 5,

DIED MARCH 7, 1884.

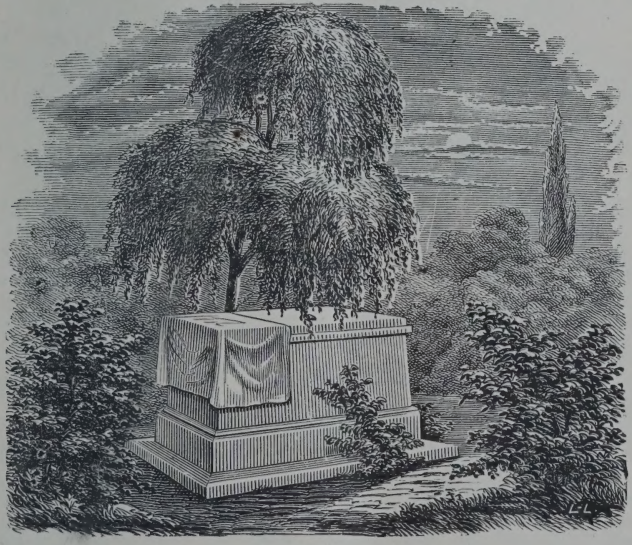
AND

V. W. BRO. ALEXANDER CHRISTIE,

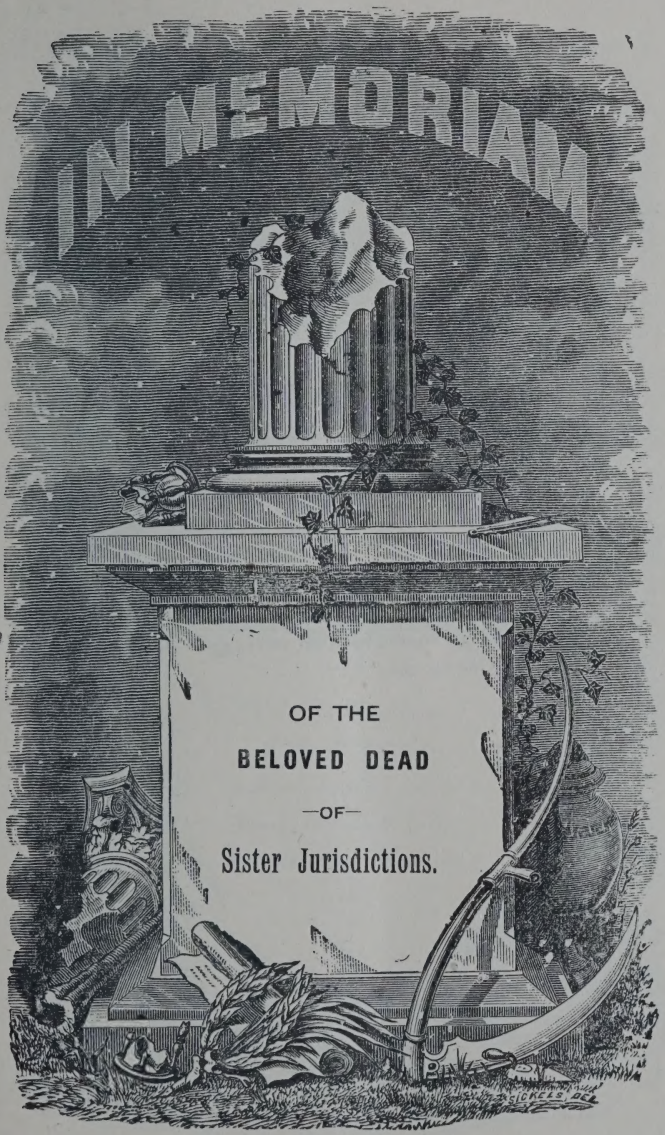
Past Grand Steward,

Past Master of Northern Light Lodge No. 10,

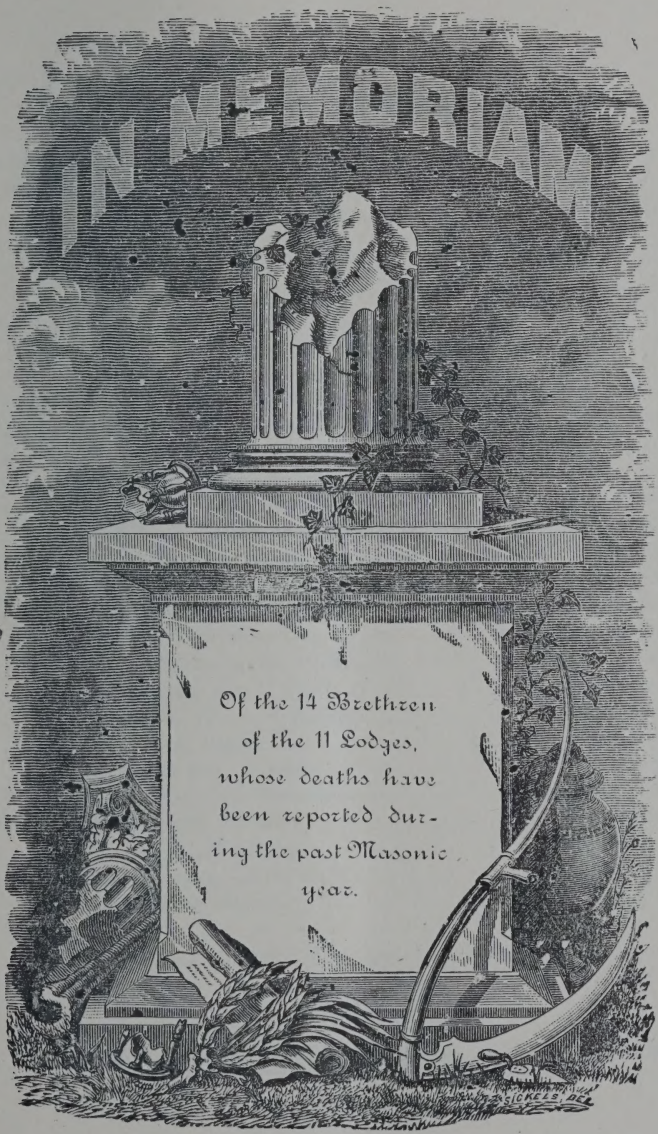
DIED JULY 19 1884.



"To the Past go more dead faces,
Every year;
Come no new ones in their places,
Every year.
Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
In the evening's dusk they greet us,
Every year."


IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
BELOVED DEAD
—OF—
Sister Jurisdictions.

"We, too, shall come to the river's side,
One by one;
We are nearer its waters each eventide,
One by one.
We can hear the noise and dash of the stream,
Now and again, through our life's deep dream;
Sometimes the flood o'er the banks o'erflow,
Sometimes the ripples in small waves go
One by one."


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 14 Brethren of the 11 Lodges, whose deaths have been reported during the past Masonic year.

"Vast, yet voiceless,
Growing ever street on street,
Whither friends with friends e'er meeting,
Ever meeting, never greet."

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1885.

M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg.....Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Winnipeg.....Deputy Grand Master.
" " W. C. Copeland, Winnipeg.....D. D. G. M.
" " D. G. Dick, Dominion City.....D. D. G. M.
" " R. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie.....D. D. G. M.
" " Dr. S. A. Cornell, Rapid City.....D. D. G. M.
" " John Dickson, Chater.....D. D. G. M.
" " Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Calgary, Alberta.....D. D. G. M.
" " Levi A. Cohen, Tangier, Morocco.....D. D. G. M.
" " Peter McGregor, Brandon.....Grand Senior Warden.
" " Thomas Collins, Portage la Prairie.....Grand Junior Warden.
" " Rev. J. M. Wellwood, Minnedosa.....Grand Chaplain.
" " John McKechnie, Winnipeg.....Grand Treasurer
" " J. W. H. Wilson, Winnipeg.....Grand Registrar.
" " Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, Winnipeg.....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " W. W. Ireland, Emerson.....Grand Junior Deacon.
" " H. J. Raymer, Winnipeg.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg.....Grand Sword Bearer.
" " Alfred Ashdown, Stonewall.....Grand Pursuivant.
" " George Murdoch, Calgary.....Grand Steward.
" " John A. Davidson, Neepawa.....Grand Steward.
" " J. A. Kerr, Regina.....Grand Steward.
" " J. McDiarmid, Brandon.....Grand Steward.
" " E. O. Dennison, Minnedosa.....Grand Steward.
" " James Greig, Selkirk.....Grand Steward.
" " J. J. White, Winnipeg.....Grand Steward.
" " R. A. Cowan, Rapid City.....Grand Steward.
" Bro. John McBride.....Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Deputy Grand Master.....Winnipeg.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Grand Registrar.....Winnipeg.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " Col. W. N. Kennedy, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " George Black, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " George F. Newcomb, Past Grand Master ..... Deloraine.
" " Rev. Canon Matheson, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " John H. Bell, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Deputy Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
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" " Peter McGregor, Grand Senior Warden ..... Brandon.
" " Thomas Collins, Grand Junior Warden ..... Portage la Prairie.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, P.D.D.G.M. Grand Lodge of Canada.. Winnipeg.
W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy ..... Winnipeg.
V. W. Bro. D. Hope ..... Winnipeg.
W. Bro. A. MacKeand ..... Winnipeg.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary ..... Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Grand Registrar ..... Winnipeg.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson ..... Winnipeg.
W. Bro. J. K. Brydon ..... Rat Portage.

ELECTIVE OFFICES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM THE DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

DATE	GR. MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. CHAPLAIN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Rev. W. C. Clarke*	Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson‡	S. L. Bedson ...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	H. T. Champion..	John H. Bell.
1876	Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson‡	S. L. Bedson ...	G. F. Newcomb.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	J. W. Harris.....	John H. Bell.
1877	G. F. Newcomb.	Jas. Henderson‡	John W. Harris.	E. G. Conklin ..	Rev. S. P. Matheson	John J. Johnston..	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	John H. Bell.
1878	G. F. Newcomb.	John W. Harris.	Simon Duffin ...	F. T. Bradley*..	Rev. S. P. Matheson	John J. Johnston..	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	John H. Bell.
1879	Rev. S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris.	Simon Duffin...	R. McCuaig....	Rev. James Flett..	John J. Johnston..	James Munro	John H. Bell.
1880	John H. Bell....	E. G. Conklin. .	Hon. G. McMicken.	J. M. McGregor	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	D. G. Dick	Wm. G. Scott.
1881	John H. Bell....	Wm. G. Scott...	D. B. Murray..	C. F. Forrest ...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	D. G. Dick	Jas. Henderson.‡
1882	John H. Bell....	Wm. G. Scott...	Alfred Pearson..	C. F. Forrest ...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	D. G. Dick	H. D. P. LeCappelain.§
1883	John H. Bell....	D. B. Murray...	R. McCuaig...	Jno. Smith, M. D†	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	D. Young, M. D..	Wm. G. Scott.
1884	John H. Bell....	C. F. Forrest....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M. D.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John J. Johnston..	Wm. Simpson	Wm. G. Scott.
1885	C. F. Forrest....	Alfred Pearson..	P. McGregor ...	Thos. Collins ...	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	John McKechnie..	J. W. H. Wilson..	Wm. G. Scott.

* Dead.

† Removed from jurisdiction.

‡ Suspended.

§ Expelled.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.
Arkansas	John W. Rison	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria.
Canada	Æ. Irving	Hamilton.
California	John Mills Browne	Vallego.
Colorado	John Widderfield	El Moro.
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London.
Cuba and Colon	Juan Jubizareta	Havana
Dakota	Samuel Roy	Lead City.
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington.
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassa.
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville.
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport.
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo.
Iowa	W. J. Law	Bloomfield.
Kansas	Matthew M Miller	Clay Centre.
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville.
Louisiana	Charles Chaffee	New Orleans.
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren.
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson.
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron.
Minnesota	J. B. Cummings	Winona.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D	Sardis.
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis.
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City.
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City.
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City.
New Brunswick	W. F. Dibblee	Woodstock.
New Jersey	M. P. Smith	Passaic.
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec.
New South Wales	Alfred Burne, M. D	Sydney.
New York	Samuel Jones	New York City.
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M. D	Hopewell.
Ohio	John D. Colwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette.
Pennsylvania	Gen. Louis Wagner	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Alfred G. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence.
Scotland	Dr. James Cranston	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	T. C. Cawood	Dandridge.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Freedom H. Church	Corinne.
Vermont	John D. Shurtleff	Bennington.
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville.
Washington Territory	Thomas Taylor Minor	Townsend.
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie.
British Columbia	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Canada	Hon. W. N. Kennedy	Winnipeg.
California	Hon. W. N. Kennedy	Winnipeg.
Colorado	W. H. Seach	Winnipeg.
Connecticut	George Black	Selkirk.
Cuba and Colon	Rev. James Irvine	Rat Portage.
Dakota	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
Delaware	A. J. Belch	Winnipeg.
District of Columbia	D. G. Dick	Dominion City.
Florida	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg.
Idaho	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Illinois	Samuel L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Indian Territory	J. M. McGregor	Winnipeg.
Iowa	Thomas Clark	Winnipeg.
Kansas	S. R. Marlatt	Portage la Prairie.
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
Louisiana	S. A. Cornell	Rapid City.
Maine	George Munroe	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Alex. Nicol	Gladstone.
Mexico	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg.
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg.
Mississippi	Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg.
Missouri	James Munroe	Springfield.
Montana	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Nebraska	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.
Nevada	Wm. McDonald	Pilot Mound.
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New Mexico	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New South Wales	C. F. Forrest	Winnipeg.
New York	J. W. Harris	Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia	D. B. Murray	Winnipeg.
Ohio	Hon. W. N. Kennedy	Winnipeg,
Oregon	A. G. McKenzie	Stonewall.
Pennsylvania	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Prince Edward Island	E. G. Conklin	Winnipeg.
Quebec	S. L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg.
Scotland	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
South Carolina	Gilbert McMicken	Winnipeg.
Tennessee	J. A. Griffith	Minnedosa.
Texas	T. W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
Utah	John J. Johnston	Winnipeg.
Vermont	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg.
Virginia	W. R. Black	Portage la Prairie.
Washington Territory	Rev. James M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
Wisconsin	Alfred MacKeand	Winnipeg.
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES, AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery, Masonic Temple.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tuscon.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Ed. C. Neufelder	Victoria.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco, Masonic Temple
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmalee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Bon Homme.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell Clarke	London.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmet Blackshear	Macon.
Idaho	Jonas W. Brown	Boise City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Masonic Temple.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	Sam'l B. Oldham, D. G. Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Louisville.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor, M. D.	New Orleans, drawer 872.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Masonic Temple.
Massachusetts	Sereno B. Nickerson	Boston, Masonic Temple.
Michigan	William P. Innis	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New South Wales	Nicholas Weekes	Sydney.
New York	Edward M. L. Elders	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Frelow J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia, Masonic Temple.
Prince Edward Island	George W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston, Masonic Temple.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington.
Victoria	Henry W. Holloway	Melbourne.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie.

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OF THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA,

For the Year A. L. 5884.

PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE No. 1.

WINNIPEG, SELKIRK COUNTY.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

John Y. Cain, *W. Master.*
John J. Jackson, *S. Warden.*
Duncan McArthur, *J. Warden.*
Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, *Chaplain.*
D. H. McMillan, *Treasurer.*
A. McT. Campbell, *Secretary.*
John Shepherd, *S. Deacon.*
Joseph Greenfield, *J. Deacon.*
Robert Muir, *S. Steward.*
J. H. D. Munson, *J. Steward.*
James Blackloch, *Inner Guard.*
John McBride, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Black, George
Carruthers, George F.
Conklin, Elias George
Hursell, Joseph
Kennedy, William N.
Leslie, John
Mackeand, Alfred
McKechnie, John
McVicar, George D.
Pearson, Alfred
Scott, William G.
Toole, William
Walker, William T.—13.

MASTER MASONS.

Andrew, George
Agnew, Niven
Arbuckle, Angus
Bown, Walter R.
Black, Thomas
Brown, Corydon P.
Cooper, Johnson E.
Carris, Edward
Culver, William Hy
Dawson, Edward B.
Dowsley, James J.
Eadie, Chas. B.
Flummerfelt, A. C.
Grant, Angus
Groh, William

Green, Robert
Gosling, Henry
Henry, Robert H.
Harvey, James G.
Haines, John B.
Hendricks, Herman T.
James, William J. T.
Leslie, James
Loder, Austin
MacFarlane, William A.
McKinnon, Wilson
McFadyen, David
McKilligan, John B.
McLaren, Archibald
McKeand, Moorhouse
McLeod, M. M.
Martin, Saul
May, Andrew D.
Masters, Alfred
More, John B.
Manahan, Edwin C.
Munro, Lawrence J.
Norquay, John
Palmer, A. D.
Penrose, James
Ross, James M.
Rowe, John A.
Rex, Joseph H.
Steinhoff, Louis
Scott, Robert
Stott, George
Spearman, Thomas
Sinclair, Alex.
Scott, Walter M.
Storey, David
Stewart, James T.
Stoddart, George F.
Skinner, Henry O.
Scott, David
Tooley, Thomas
Thompson, Thomas R.
Watson, William J.
White, William Gibb
Wilkinson, John T.
Williams, Harvey N.
Vick, Sidney C.—86.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Armit, J. O. Canniff, J. W.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Braden, Lewis E.
Curry, Duncan S.
Doupe, Joseph
Eaton, Arthur H.
Herbert, Samuel
Harrison, James R.
McNabb, Alex.
Neelands, Henry E.
Scott, William D.
McKay, Duncan
Stubbs, George—11.

RE-INSTATED.

Steele, Clarence E.—1

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Blakely, E. A.
Bourne, Robert
Crombie, J. G.
Doidge, Edwin
McLeod, Angus
McLellan, R. W.
McEwen, Dugald
Monkman, Albert
Reid, John S.
Richter, Charles
Thibaudeau, W. B.
Vello, James K.
Watts, Thomas—13.

DIMITTED.

Baxter, Hector
Ferguson, John B.
Mee, A. W.
Patterson, H. S.
Steele, Clarence E.
Sinclair, George H.—6.

LISGAR LODGE No. 2.

SELKIRK, LISGAR COUNTY.

Regular meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James S. Greig, *W. Master.*
Richard Dickson, *Senior Warden.*
William Bullock, *Junior Warden.*
Rev. Henry Cochrane, *Chaplain.*
Robert Bullock, *Treasurer.*
F. R. Gemmel, *Secretary.*
J. D. Campbell, *S. Deacon.*
R. H. Gilhuly, *J. Deacon.*
Arthur Walkley, *S. Steward.*
J. G. Dagg, *J. Steward.*
David Morrison, *Inner Guard.*
Robert A. Weir, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Black, George
Bedson, Samuel L.
Colcleough, James
Gibbs, William
Kennedy, W. N.
Mee, Arthur W.
Patterson, Rev. Robert S.
Taylor, William M.
Young, David, M. D.—9

MASTER MASONS.

Bubar, George A.
Bubar, Chas. Wellington
Burrows, Theo. Arthur
Brown, Richard J.
Clouston, Joseph
Campbell, Hugh
Clemons, John
Connacher, James S.
Calder, Robt. Francis
Duncan, Thos. J.
Fawcett, Daniel Tweedy
Flett, Alfred
Gadbois, Thadeus A.
Howell, John A.
Hay, E. H. G. G.
Hodgson, Albert
Henning, William
Hawley, Marshall Peter
Holloway, Fredrick Wm.
Lindeburg, Alfred Von
Littlebury, J. A.
Mowatt, John D.
Monckman, James
MacDougall, John
McFie, Claud R.
MacColeman, Peter
MacFayden, Malcolm
Pearson, George Fredk
Robinson, William
Sinclair, William
Sinclair, Thomas
Stephen, John
Steel, Samuel
Taylor, James—55

FELLOW CRAFT.

Cussack, Leon Alonzo—1

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Campbell, William
Dagg, Francis Henry—2

DIMITTED.

Craig, James—1.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE No. 3.

WINNIPEG, SELKIRK COUNTY.

Regular meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. G. Bell, *W. Master.*
J. P. Anderson, *S. Warden.*
T. F. Kinty, *J. Warden.*
W. L. Hutton, *Chaplain.*
A. B. Coblentz, *Treasurer.*
Martin Bacon, *Secretary.*
T. Nixon, jr., *S. Deacon.*
J. P. Carberry, *J. Deacon.*
B. Smeed, *S. Steward.*
J. B. Henderson, *J. Steward.*
James McQuade, Dir. of Ceremonies.
John McBride, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Bell, John Headley
Carley, James Alex.
Douglas, David
Duffin, Simon
Fulthorpe, George E.
Hope, Donald
Johnston, John J.
Murray, David B.
McGregor, James M.
O'Connor, James
Rolph, Richard W. A—11

MASTER MASONS.

Allan, Gilbert A.
Armstrong, William H.
Astle, Thos. William
Banks, Montague
Barker, Adolphus
Barry, Frederick
Bergman, Jonas
Birch, John W.
Blackmore, William
Brown, Charles J.
Brown, Philip
Bruce, James
Burrows, Theodore A.
Cadham, James H.
Calder, Alexander
Caswell, Stephen H.
Chapman, Chas. Tupper
Clark, Henry J.
Cooper, William Henry
Corman, Wm. Washington
Cousin, Wm. Bamis
Crawley, Chas. James
Cross, Laurence J.
D'Arcy, William Henry
Date, Henry
Dawson, William
Demorrest, Jesse W.
Dewar, Robert
Dobier, James Webb
Duffield, Henry Joseph
Dunbar, William A.
Eadie, Shaver
Ellis, Arthur F.
Fairbanks, Willard W.
Fairchild, Frank Alanson
Gibson, William G.
Gilroy, Alexander
Grant, Andrew
Harrower, James
Harvey, William
Hill, Wilson
Houlhahan, Daniel J.
Houlding, Henry
Huston, William J.
Hutchings, Elisha F.
Inkster, Colin
Irish, A. D.
Johnson, Samuel F.
Johnston, William R.
Kerr, Samuel Russell
Lawlor, Patrick
Little, Davis
Little, Robert
Manley, Thomas
Markley, Arthur W. R.
Matheson, Donald
Mitchell, Andrew R.
Murray, Charles M.
McDiarmid, Alexander
McFarlane, Allan
McKenny, John
McMullen, Joseph R.
McNabb, Andrew T.
McQueen, Alexander
Newell, Edwin E.
Newell, Henry
Norquay, John
Orris, Robert J.
Patton, J. N. C.
Reighter, Peter D.
Rice, E. P.
Rogers, Edwin R.
Rolph, Gordon V.
Schofield, Chas. Augustus
Scott, Thomas
Sinclair, Arthur C.
Snyder, William
Sutherland, James
Van Rennsalaer, Samuel J.
Waterous, Frank J.
Watson, Anson Kemp
Wellband, William
Wesbrook, Henry Shaver
Wright, James A.—106.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Best, John
Davis, Archibald
Montgomery, John
Raynard, Charles
Vigeon, Philip M.—5.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Buttrees, Samuel
Corbett, William Henry
Cowan, Wm. S.
Flegg, George
Graham, John
Haggart, Alexander
Hinman, William J.
Jackson, James R.
Moore, Thomas
Snyder, Milton A.
Wallis, John Cox
Waugh, James C.—12.

DIED.

Stalker, Robert—1

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Gifford, Wearman Mills, John H. Smith, Thomas H.—4.
Montgomery, Christopher

DIMITTED.

Garland, Thomas M. McCuaig, Roderick R.
Hunter, Robert Strang, Colin F.—4.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 4.

WINNIPEG, SELKIRK COUNTY.

Regular meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Horace J. Raymer, *W. Master.* Thomas Hurtley, *S. Deacon.*
James A. Payne, *S. Warden.* George C. Seach, *J. Deacon.*
Alex. L. Young, *Junior Warden.* John Wm. Wendelbo, *S. Steward.*
Findlay McDonald, *Chaplain.* John McCallum, *J. Steward.*
Wm. H. McLean, *Treasurer.* John McBride, *Tyler.*
Wm. M. Osborne, *Secretary.*

Past Masters.

Belch, A. J. Levy, James Ptolemy, William J.
Frazer, Robert C. McCowan, Hugh Seach, Wm. H.—8.
Harris, John W. McGowan, Alexander

MASTER MASONS.

Anderson, Charles D. Dodd, William Kyle, Samuel Law
Aird, Alexander A. Dick, John Leckie, Robert
Akin, Alexander G. Ede, David Morris, Robinson
Biggins, Samuel English, Thomas Mitchell, William H.
Braden, James H. Fisher, Alexander Midwinter, Charles
Brydon, William Fogg, Henry Mitchell, Coulson N.
Bragg, Iohn Grant, Angus Meaden, John
Bell, Thomas ~~Gillis, Peter~~ M. McMillan, D. N.
Burse, Wilson Hargrave, William McMillan, John
Carscaden, John D. Hutchison, Charles McKenzie, Donald Hector
Clarkson, Joseph Hawkins, Millard. F. McPherson, Thomas
Cameron, John Randolph Huston, David McKenzie, Angus R.
Cuddy, John Hall, W. George McLaren, John
Campbell, Daniel Hill, James McKay, Gilbert

McDonald, William U.
McDonald, Peter D.
McLeod, Thomas
McDonald, Alexander
McCharles, Alexander
McMillan, James
McRae, John C.
McGeer, James
Newcomb, George F.
Perkins, Thomas
Parr, John
Pengelly, William
Pelkey, James A.
Pitts, William
Robson, William V.
Rogers, John
Reach, C. J.
Sturley, George W.
Stewart, Clarence P.
Sharp, Charles W.
Stewart, Arthur
Taylor, Thomas W.
Taylor, Alexander
Templeman, George
Thompson, Matthew C.
Tait, Alexander
Thompson, Pirrie
Thompson, Samuel G. G.
Thomas, George A.
Tidy, William Thos.
Woodworth, Douglas B.
Wood, Henry
White, Henry
Winlaw, George
Walsh, Francis G.—95.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Brown, David
Finnerty, William H.
McArthur, Duncan A.
Simmons, Henry
Spencer, John Henry
Smith, William H.—6.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Hooper, Robert
McCloy, Alexander
McIntosh, William A.
McLean, Reuben T.
Perkins, William
Ross, Frederick
Swinbank, Charles G.
Sullivan, Louis H.—8.

DIED.

Montgomery, Robert
McCloy, David E.
Snyder, Norman—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Alexander, Denri
Miller, George R.
Parker, James
Stirskey, Franz—4.

DIMITTED.

Cavers, James
Godfrey, Alexander
Robinson, William Payne
Robinson, Titus W.—4.

HIRAM LODGE No. 5.

KILDONAN, SELKIRK COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Friday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Edward P. Leacock, *W. Master.*
Charles. A. Sadlier, *S. Warden.*
Joseph Thompson, *J. Warden.*
John Fraser, *Chaplain.*
Alexander Polson, *Treasurer.*
John H. Wintersgill, *Secretary.*
Norman Matheson, *S. Deacon.*
Peter R. Dickson, *J. Deacon.*
Angus J. Munroe, *S. Steward.*
John F. Campbell, *J. Steward.*
John Scott, *Dir. of Ceremonies.*
Thomas White, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Bell, John Headley
Black, William Ross
Irvine, Rev. James H.
Munroe, George
Munroe, James
MacBeth, John
Newcombe, George F.
O'Meara, Rev. Canon J. D.
Polson, Alexander—9.

MASTER MASONS.

Argue, Frank
Arnold, Henry M.
Aske, George
Bayne, George A.
Benson, John R.
Bryson, Alexander C.
Edie, David
Francis, F. H.
Fraser, Angus
Good, Thomas
Grier, Harry M.
Gunn, Robert
Inkster, Colin
LeCappellain, John O.
Matheson, Donald
Matheson, John
Matheson, John R.
Mackenzie, Alexander G.
McDonald, Roderic Ross
McBeth, Adam
McIntyre, Alexander
McRea, John J.
Palcher, Frank
Ross, John
Sutherland, Donald
Sutherland, Morrison
Walkley, Arthur—47.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Colbert, John—1.

DIED.

Sutherland, Alexander M.
McVicar, Daniel—2.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Gunn, William Reginald—1.

EMERSON LODGE No. 6.

EMERSON, MANCHESTER COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Joseph A. Carbet, *W. Master.*
Walter Wallace Ireland, *S. Warden.*
ohnston E. Cooper, *J. Warden.*
Thomas Chisholm Scott, *Chaplain.*
John Carmichael, *Treasurer.*
William Mills, *Secretary.*

Past Masters.

Dick, David G.
Lamont, John—2.

MASTER MASONS.

Baker, George W.
Bell, Charles Napier
Bucknam, Elijah F.
Cameron, Duncan H.
Clemis, David John
Cole, Thomas Andrew
Dick, Robert
Drewery, Edward L.
Douglas, Charles D.
Evans, David
Hepburn, Robert R.
Hewson, Joseph
Johnston, James
Lee, Richard N.
Lucas, William
Lockhart, James T.
Muller, George
McCrea, Henry Duncan
McFadden, Henry D.
McKay, Archibald
Rahn, William
Rinskoff, August
Robertson, William B.
Simcox, Edwin Gregory

Spates, Kossuth
Stewart, Neil
Smith, John
Shannon, Thomas
Spinning, A. E.
Tatchell, Edward Barrett
Tennant, Joseph E.
Tweed, William E.
Walker, James
Williams, William
Winkler, Enoch
Wilkins, John Wm.—47.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

McGinley, Francis M.
McInnis, James D.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Woodward, Bert
Wilson, M. B.—2.

RE-INSTATED.

Hewson, Joseph—1.

DIED.

Bradley, Francis T.—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Boughton, C. V.
Burritt, H. D.
Jenkins, William
Stewart, Alexander—4.

DIMITTED.

Brown, Robert
Darby, George T.
Hogan, Denis
Hickey, John Thomas
Lewin, F. G.
McCrea, Donald
Owen, Lemuel T.
Roberts, Thomas
Suffel, William J.
Smith, John—10.

ASSINIBOINE LODGE No. 7.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Wednesday on or before full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas Collins, *W. Master.*
Thomas G. Ferris, *S. Warden.*
John H. Doherty, *J. Warden.*
Alfred Lewis Fortin, *Chaplain.*
J. Moore Robinson, *Treasurer.*
Walter Millar, *Secretary.*
Archibald Watson, *S. Deacon.*
Charles J. Green, *J. Deacon.*
Richard Taylor, *S. Steward.*
Albert Henry Ferris, *J. Steward.*
Charles J. Green, *I. Guard.*
Francis Rose, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Black, William Ross
House, Charles
Macklin, Marshall
Marlatt, Samuel R.
McCuaig, Roderick R.—5

MASTER MASONS.

Blake, Michael
Belcher, Walter Ed.
Drummond, J. A. K.
Eadie, Shaver
Fulton, William
Fanning, Joseph
Higginson, Henry
Harkness, Thomas
Irwin, John

Lipsett, Francis Wesley — McNeil, William B. — Remey, Leslie
Lyons, William — McKenzie, Kenneth — Sutherland, William
Mawhinney, Isaiah — McKellar, John — Smith, William
McKinnon, Peter — Patterson, Hugh S. — Vineberg, Hiram N.—38.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Georgen, P. Vance — Miller, William W.—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Carrey, Joseph — Rutledge, John James — Setter, John James.—5.
McIntyre, Archibald H. — Smith, Thomas J.

DIMITTED.

Ryan, Michael—1.

KING SOLOMON LODGE No. 8.

MORRIS, MORRIS COUNTY.

Regular Meetings, Tuesday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Robert Fairburn McTavish, *W. Master.* — George Finnie, *S. Deacon.*
Robert Meicklejohn, *S. Warden.* — Henry J. Thorne, *J. Deacon.*
Robert John Bell, *J. Warden.* — Cilsus Orton, *S. Steward.*
John Alex. Walker, *Chaplain.* — George C. Wilde, *J. Steward.*
Marshall Lawrie, *Treasurer.* — William Meicklejohn, *Inner Guard.*
Edward Mackenzie Maley, *Secretary.* — Alexander G. Cadenhead, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

McTavish, Robert F. — Skeffington, Christopher A.—2.

MASTER MASONS.

Glines, George A. — Kennedy, William N. — McKay, Alexander—19.
Hooper, James — McLean, William A.

FELLOW CRAFT.

Carruthers, William Garrick—1.

RE-INSTATED.

Russell, William Albert—1.

DIMITTED.

Armstrong, Joseph
Cleverly, William
Russell, William A.
Stunden, Rev. Alfred—4.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE No. 10.

WINNIPEG, SELKIRK COUNTY.

Regular meetings, last Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Charles Napier Bell, *W. Master.*
John Stanley Hough, *S. Warden.*
Stephen Sweet Cummins, *J. Warden.*
Rev. Samuel P. Matheson, *Chaplain.*
John Balsillie, *Treasurer.*
William Shearer Grant, *Secretary.*
Frank L. Patton, *S. Deacon.*
Fred B. Ross, *J. Deacon.*
George Joseph Maulson, *S. Steward.*
Robert Adamson, *J. Steward.*
William C. B. Graham, *I. Guard.*
John McBride, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Bannatyne, Andrew G.B.
Bedson, Samuel L.
Forrest, Christopher F.
Kerr, James
McMicken, Gilbert
Moffat, Alexander
Matheson, Rev. Samuel P.
Ruttan, Henry N.
Rowan, James Hill
Robinson, Thomas
Whiteford, James W.—11.

MASTER MASONS.

Blanchard, Sedley
Brydges, Charles John
Carman, Thomas H.
Crookshank, Alexander
Dennis, John Stoughton
Eden, Arthur Francis
Galt, George Frederick
Howard Thomas
Howard, Rice M.
Hood, William Nelson
Hicks, Richard
Jackes, Andrew G.
Jarvis, Edward W.
Kittson, Edward Graves
Lynch, James S.
Leacock, Edward Philip
Murdoch, William
Mulock, William Redford
Mathewson, Frank H.
McLennaghen, James
McKenzie, Hector
McDonald, Patrick A.
Newman, Thomas A.
Nelson, John Charles
Nugent, Frank S.
O'Meara, Rev. Jas. Dallas
Outram, James
Pierce, William
Peebles, John Arthur
Reynolds, Henry L.
Rodger, David
Reid, Hayter
Renwick, Thomas
Ruttan, Robert A.
Robertson, Robert M.
Sprague, Daniel E.
Sadlier, Charles A.
Swinford, Herbert
Thompson, Edward W.
Thompson, George R.
Whitehead, William
Wood, George Duncan
Wainwright, George H. W.
Wickenden, Chas. O.—66

DIED.

Christie, Alexander—1.

DIMITTED.

Champion, Henry T.
Graham, James Ogden
Shorey, Samuel O.—3.

GLADSTONE LODGE No. 11.

GLADSTONE, WESTBOURNE COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Tuesday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

William McKelvy, *W. Master.*
John Mason, *S. Warden.*
Thomas Corey, *J. Warden.*
John McDougall, *Chaplain.*
Thomas Louis Morton, *Treasurer.*
John Chambers, *Secretary.*
Arch. St. Clair McGregor, *S. Deacon.*
James Andrews, *J. Deacon.*
Isaac Cookman, *S. Steward.*
Geo. St. Clair McGregor, *J. Steward.*
Joseph McAlpine, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Ferguson, John
Morton, Thomas Louis
McGregor, Peter St. Clair
Nicol, Alexander—4.

MASTER MASONS.

Brown, Ccrydon Partlow
Bowles, John
Beck, John Humphrey
Birss, Alexander
Cameron, David
Chandler, William
Cairns, William
Coffin, Henry
Duncan, John
Duncan, Alexander
Drummond, William
Ferguson, Donald
Ferguson, Peter
Fahrin, Christopher
Gilroy, William Bird
Galloway, Roper
Herron, John Joshua
Lloyd, James Sherra
Morrison, Donald
Morrison, John Finlayson
Morrison, John C.
McDonald, Archibald
McLean, John
McLaren, John
McGhee, Charles
McIver, Neil
McIver, Malcolm
Poole, John Fennel
Smalley, Alfred Edward
Williams, Arnold G.—44.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Blackmore, Francis—1.

DIMITTED.

Ferrier, James
McRae, Alexander
Robison, William—3.

STONEWALL LODGE No. 12.

STONEWALL, ROCKWOOD COUNTY.

Regular meetings, first Tuesday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Ashdown, *W. Master.*
John Montgomery, *Senior Warden.*
Joseph Tottle, *Junior Warden.*
John Walter Bowden Page, *Chaplain.*
Edward Good, *Treasurer.*
James Lawrence, *Secretary.*
William McCuaig, *S. Deacon.*
William Vincient, *J. Deacon.*
Albert B. Maiers, *S. Steward.*
John McOuat, *J. Steward.*
Godfrey Magnus Brown, *Tyler.*.

Past Masters.

McKenzie, Alexander G. Mitchell, Andrew R.—**2.**

MASTER MASONS.

Bunn, Colin C.
Ferguson, Daniel
Ferguson, Hugh D.
Gunn, Donald
Laing, George
Little, Davis
Lamb, William
Lamb, Peter
Lamb, Peter R.
McLeod, Neil
McLean, Colin H.
McLean, Angus
McDougall, William
Neilson, Neilson H.
Sutherland, James
Scott, David H.
Shearer, John A.
Stewart, John
Walton, Isaac
Waugh, Edward—**33.**

FELLOW CRAFT.

Scott, Alexander—**1.**

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Langton, Edward—**1.**

RE-INSTATED.

Stewart, John—**1.**

DIED.

Weberg, Godfrey M.
Wells, Joseph H.—**2.**

SUSPENDED FOR U. M. C.

Lord, Robert (F.C.)—**1.**

SUSPENDED FOR N. P. D.

Lipset, F. W.
Stewart, John—**2.**

DIMITTED.

Behl, Christian Donohue, John S. Fraser, John—**3.**

BELMONT LODGE No. 13.

NELSON, DUFFERIN COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Christopher F. Collins, *W. Master.*
Thomes Henry York, *S. Warden.*
Charles Rubidge Dunsford, *J. Warden.*
Andrew Laughlin, *Chaplain.*
John Brown McLaren, *Treasurer.*
Franklin A. Collins, *Secretary.*
James McCann, *S. Deacon.*
Hugh McIntyre, *J. Deacon.*
Duncan Falconer, *S. Steward.*
Solomon Johns, *J. Steward.*
Alan Adamson, *Inner Guard.*
Matthew Logan, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Brown, Robert
Cameron, Alexander Henry
McCuish, Donald J.
Sutton, William John—**4.**

MASTER MASONS.

Beesley, Gerge E.
Brunsdon, Richard
Blackburn, Robert
Currie, Adam
Carson, William
Cochrane, George

Cochrane, John James	Galbraith, Julius Frazell	McKenzie, D. A.
Creiman, Charles	Godfrey, Alexander	Nelson, John Linn
Davis, Thomas	Leary, George	Ritchie, Joseph
Fothergill, A.	Locke, Corbet	Rombough, Joseph
Fraser, Hugh William	McConnell, Benjamin Jas.	Winram, William—37.

FELLOW CRAFT.

Stirton, James—1.

DIED.

Blair, Isaac—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Giles, Robert	Johnston, George Hope	Poston, George
Hagyard, Thomas	Laidlaw, James	Rooke, Thomas S.—6.

DIMITTED.

Suetzinger, John C. Watson, Theodore F.—2.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE No. 14.

MINNEDOSA, MINNEDOSA COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Friday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Edwin Oliver Dennison, *W. Master.*	Frederick W. Montgomery, *S. Deacon.*
Thomas Alfred Cuddy, *S. Warden.*	John Killips Patton, *J. Deacon.*
Thomas Henry Jackson, *J. Warden.*	Lawrence N. Jackson, *S. Steward.*
Rev. Jas. M. Wellwood, *Chaplain.*	James Nicholl, *J. Steward.*
Albert Caldwell Sewell, *Treasurer.*	John Wake, *I. Guard.*
John Franklin Boyd, *Secretary.*	Hugh Lewis, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Bolton, Isaac	Griffith, James Anthony	Wellwood, Rev. J. M.—5
Cowan, Robert Alex.	Leslie, James	

MASTER MASONS.

Armitage, Joseph Samuel	Gillies, John Daniel	McDermott, Patrick J.
Armitage, Barclay M.	Grant, William Angus	Noonan, Phillip
Armit, David	Handyside, Peter	Ramsay, Adam M.
Ayearst, William A.	Hunter, James B.	Sutherland, James McP.
Carter, Harry Von	Kenning, Richard H.	Stewart, Moses
Crerar, John	Little, James B.	Scott, Edward George
Davidson, Cicero Napier	McKay, James	Simpson, Robert
Douglas, Edward Hugh	McDonald Hugh	Wallis, John McColl—42.
Fisher, Alfred Ernest	McIntosh, James	

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Garbutt, Harry — McKenzie, William Donald—2.

DIMITTED.

Dalton, H. Grant — Malcouroune, Herbert—2.

CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 15.

RAPID CITY, MINNEDOSA COUNTY.

Regular meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James Rogerson, *W. Master.*
William Edward Cowan, *S. Warden.*
John Hewer *J. Warden.*
William N. Harris, *Chaplain.*
David McNaught, *Treasurer.*
Wellington Jeffers Webb, *Secretary.*
Sampson Leslie H. Head, *S. Deacon.*
David Martin Butchart, *J. Deacon.*
David Allan Hooper, *I. Guard.*

Past Masters.

Cornell, Sanford A. — McIntosh, Robert — Madden, Robert—3.

MASTER MASONS.

Anderson, William
Borland, James
Carss, Alfred
Cowan, John Alexander
Casswell, James Albert
Darrach, Robert
Gurney, Edward Triton
Keith, Hilton
Larwill, Albert
Lakeman, Arthur
Meighen, Nathaniel
Miller, Frank
McVicar, John
McCallum, John Dougall
Nelles, Robt. Adolphus
Reid, William
Ross, Hugh Cogan
Stone, George Little
Sinclair, Alex. Lachlan
Sinclair, James Bruce
Sargent, William Edward
Schaffner, Fred. L.
Scott, William—35.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

McKay, Hugh
Vaughan, William Montgomery—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Stewart, Archibald—1.

DIED.

Vaillant, L. A.—1.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Hawkesworth, Lewis Wedgewood—1.

DIMITTED.

Dundas, Henry Lorenzo Arthur — Sargent, John Paine—2.

KINISTINO LODGE No. 16.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN TER.

Regular meetings, Wednesday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

John Frederick Kennedy, *W. Master.* A. R. Burns, *S. Deacon.*
Arthur W. R. Markley, *S. Warden.* Albert A. Porter, *J. Deacon.*
Rev. Edward K. Matheson, *J. Warden.* Joseph W. Hurd, *S. Steward.*
Rev. Arthur A. H. Wright, *Chaplain.* Atkinson, Peter, *J. Steward.*
Thomas E. Baker, *Treasurer.* George Love, *Tyler.*
R. B. Way, *Secretary.*

Past Masters.

Agnew, Thomas James
Flett, Rev. James
Niven, William
Young, Charles Frederick—4.

MASTER MASONS.

Bastien, Augustus Henry
Breadon, John
Coombs, Joseph Marshall
Coombs, Joseph S.
Clarke, Rev. Thomas
Campbell, Thomas N.
Carter, William J.
Duck, George
Drever, William
Dobbie, Alexander
Elliott, Skeffington C.
Finlayson, Joseph
Gunn, W. Reginald
Johnson, William
Jackson, Thomas E.
Keenan, Henry
Miller, George A.
McKay, Thomas
McKenzie, John
McKay, Gilbert
McKay, Joseph
McKenzie, Norman
McBeth, George
McBeth, Adam
Porter, Andrew Everett
Porter, Herbet
Peterson, Andrew Nelson
Ramsay, William C.
Stanley, Edward
Stansfield, Alexander
Tait, George
Thompson, Chester
Wilson, Justus D.—48.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Applegarth, George Ed.
Garson, Chas. Nesbitt
Meyers, Robert David—3.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Davison, Albert Colwell
Tomkins, John—2.

RE-INSTATED.

Gunn, William R.—1.

DIMITTED.

McKenny, Henry
O'Brien, Terrence H. G.
Whiteside, Arthur—3.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE No. 17.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA TER.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Charles Sutter, *W. Master.* Matthew Macauley, *Treasurer.*
Roderick McRae, *S. Warden.* Richard Secord, *Secretary.*
Donald Ross, *J. Warden.*

Past Masters.

Belden, John A. Heiminck, Philip—2.

MASTER MASONS.

Burton, Josiah Robert Kippen, Alexander W. Noyes, Daniel E.
Coleman, John Knowles, Jeremiah Osborne, A. D.
Humberstone, William Kildahl, Joseph V. Peacock, John
Henderson, Thomas Matheson, John R. Stewart, Joseph Hensley
Henderson, William McDougall, John A. Stewart, Thomas H.
Hutchings, Thomas G. McKay, William Stiff, William
Ibbotson, William G. McManus, George Williams, James F.
Ingram, James McLeod, Wm. Rutherford Wilson, Francis D.
Lauder, James McKinnon, Malcolm Woelfle, William—35.
Kerrahan, James

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Mitchell, John Alexander Patterson, Herbert Dewellyn—2.

AL MOGHREB AL AKSA LODGE No 18.

TANGIER, MOROCCO, AFRICA.

Regular meetings, Thursday after full moon.

OFFICERS.

Manuel John Novella, *W. Master.* Manuel Alvarez, *J. Deacon.*
Gregorio Trinidad Abrines, *S. Warden.* Saul Azaycot, *S. Steward.*
Joaquin Atalaya, *J. Warden.* Asser Sevy, *J. Steward.*
Marcos Serruya, *Treasurer.* Antonio Gregorio Moliyari, *I. Guard.*
Richard E. H. Martin, *Secretary.* Antonio Sutierrez, *Tyler.*
Abraham Pimienta, *S. Deacon.*

Past Masters.

Cohen, Levi Abraham Meakin, Edward E. Ross, Alexander—3

MASTER MASONS.

Alecasis, Moses Cohen, Ragael Mesod Meusburger, Pierre
Amar, Haim Cabo, Eduardo Roffe', Leon
Aniiar, Moses Davin, Vincent Taylor, Edward
Armstrong, Charles Thos. Garcia, Celestino Tobedano, Moses
Benhayoy, Jacob David Lugaro, Henry Whitehead, William—29.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Abvarez, Ricardo Boutin, Ernest Montoro, Duan—4.
Aubichini, Miguel

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Abensur, Isaac Aaron Pernot, Louis Marie A. Ruiz, Jose Maria—3.

DIED.

Kennerley, Heber—1.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Butaleb, Ali—1.

DIMITTED.

Benrais, Abdeslam
Balboa, Jose'
Bensaud, David
Barrada, Alfonso
Ballard, James R.
Guilietti, Cesar
Salmon, Robert Henry
Worth, Samuel A.—8.

BRANDON LODGE No. 19.

BRANDON, BRANDON COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Tuesday on or before full moon.

John McDiarmid, *W. Master.*
John Colwell, *S. Warden.*
Frank W. Peters, *J. Warden.*
Peter McGregor, *Chaplain.*
Alexander Burns, *Treasurer.*
Thomas Henry Towers, *Secretary.*
Harry M. Sage, *S. Deacon.*
John Cardell, *J. Deacon.*
Nathaniel N. Cole, *S. Steward.*
Hugh R. Cameron, *J. Steward.*
William Senkbeil, *I. Guard.*
James E. Cuthbert, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Burns, Alexander
Cumming, Robert B.
Dickson, John
McGregor, Peter—4.

MASTER MASONS.

Anderson, Peter
Arthur, John Thomas
Brown, Joseph H.
Buchanan, Samuel
Cameron, Alexander J.
Campbell, Angus
Dickinson, John
Durst, Philip E.
Fraser, Alexander C.
Ferguson, Ronald C.
Howat, William M.
Hughes, Edward
Hunter, Alexander
Johnston, Arthur
Johnston, William
Killett, Thomas
Lockhart, Charles B.
Matheson, William D.
Monroe, George H.
Massender, Thomas
More, L. Murray
Millan, John A.
McKelvie, John
McCandlish, Wm. Edgar
Macdonald, William A.
McLeod, Alexander B.
McMillan, Archibald L.
McNeeley, Robert
Newcombe, George
Paul, Andrew G.
Quinn, Joseph
Rounsfell, John
Spencer, Richmond
Shupe, Isaac
Thompson, Simon
Timewell, Arthur T.
Taylor, David R.
Woodworth, Joseph E.
Winter, George
White, William—54.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Walker, John
Duncan, Peter Cuthbert—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Molesworth, A. N.
Powell, Richard—2.

DIED.

Burns, Thomas—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Angus, George B.
Given, William
Hodgson, William
Metcalf, John
Parke, John
Russell, Thomas
Turnbull, James W.
Whitehead, Charles
Winter, William—9.

DIMITTED.

Rodemich, George A.—1.

PEMBINA LODGE No. 20.

PILOT MOUND, ROCK LAKE COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Wednesday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

William Cranston, *W. Master.*
Thomas Bellamy, *S. Warden.*
John Elson, *J. Warden.*
John Knox, *Treasurer.*
John Mortin Fraser, *Secretary.*
Donald Hector McKenzie, *S. Deacon.*
Andrew Louis Johnson, *J. Deacon.*
Norman Whitten, *I. Guard.*
Thomas Haggard, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Blackburn, Robert
McDonald, William, Sr.
McKay, Thomas
White, Trueman Peter—4.

MASTER MASONS.

Anderson, Robert P.
Bethune, Alexander
Fraser, James
Kelso, Alexander
Laidlaw, James
Munro, Robert
Menary, Thos. Shannon
McDonald, William, Jr.
McDonald, Samuel C.
McIntosh, John
McLean, Duncan Ewen
McCracken, Chas. Larkin
McLean, Wm. Cameron
McLean, James Grant
Rooke, Thomas S.
Rogers, Robert
Smith, John
Smith, George H.
Suetzinger, John C.
Thompson, Wm. H.—33.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Jeffrey, Charles N. F.
McLean, Kenneth Grant—2.

DIMITTED.

Stewart, Duncan Alexander—1.

MARQUETTE LODGE No. 21.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE COUNTY.

Regular meetings, second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James Johnson White, *W. Master.*
Henry Joseph Woodside, *S. Warden.*
Rolland C. Brown, *J. Warden.*
Rev. Alfred Louis Fortin, *Chaplain.*
Thomas Boyd Miller, *Treasurer.*
Charles Dollar Bell, *Secretary.*
Frank Bostwick Lundy, *S. Deacon.*
Byron Marcus Canniff, *J. Deacon.*
William Hugh Ross, *S. Steward.*
Samuel Carpenter, *J. Steward.*
Cecil George Woodside, *I. Guard.*
William Legge Lyall, *Dir. of Cer.*
Francis F. Rose, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Boultbee, John — Pewtrees, John Barber — Smith, John—3.

MASTER MASONS.

Ball, John Clement
Caughill, Chas. Metcalfe
Campbell, Hugh A.
Douglass, Robert Henry
Farquhar, David
Grannis, Hiram
Newmarch, Edward B.
Sage, Robert
Sparling, Jas. Wellington
Stull, James Frederick A.
Scott, John
Tucker, John
Woodside, Jas. Hartley
Watson, Robert
Young, John Pringle—30

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Nevins, William — Reade, George Loftus—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Harley, Frank
Johnson, Charles Gardiner
LeRoy, Hugh Joseph
Pullinger, John George—4.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Chamberlain, Charles Q.—1.

DIMITTED.

Bellamy, Thomas
Campbell, Hugh
Banks, Harry Ruthven
Jolly, Hugh Robinson—4.

PEQUONGA LODGE No. 22.

RAT PORTAGE, KEEWATIN.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

James Weidman, *W. Master.*
David T. McPherson, *S. Warden.*
William Henry Clarke, *S. Deacon.*
John Angus Martin, *J. Deacon.*

Howard Fenwick Holmes, *J. Warden.* Donald Campbell, *S. Steward.*
Rev. Alfred Stunden, *Chaplain.* Henry De Quincey Sewell, *J. Steward.*
Charles Melville Claus, *Treasurer.* Angus Carmichael, *I. Guard.*
Gustavus Adolphus Kobold, *Secretary.* Russell Woods, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Brydon, John Kerr — Brydon William — Oliver, Walter—3.

MASTER MASONS.

Alexander, Horace Elic
Barton, James
Brereton, James W.
Bunn, John Robert
Benson, Joseph Henry
Carmichael, Dugald
Chadwick, Charles W.
Colbert, John
Code, Robert James
Cooke, Frederick A.
Carey, Charles
Davey, Richard Adams
Emerson, Robert W.
Gibson, James
Halstead, Rev. William
Hooper, Frederick T.
Kay, John
Moore, Charles Alex.
McKenzie, Malcolm
McDonald, Alex. R.
McFarlane, Alex. Wm.
McKee, Thomas
McLellan, William Black
McMurphey, Dugald
McCracken, James N.
McQuarrie, Malcolm
McQuarrie, Alexander
Ridling, Alexander Gray
Righter, Peter D.
Rooks, Thomas
Scovil, Simmons S.
Taber, Adelbert Eugene
Tibb, Rev. John C.
Thompson, John Geo.
Warren, John—50.

FELLOW CRAFT.

McLeod, Angus—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Dowling, Geo. Allen
Forrester, Thomas
Messenger, William
McDonald, Duncan J.
Reddon, Walter
Thompson, John—6.

DIMITTED.

Isbister, James — Sutherland, William, jr. — Sutter, Robert E.—3.

WASCANA LODGE No. 23.

REGINA, ASSINIBOIA.

Regular meetings, first Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

John A. Kerr, *W. Master.*
Percy R. Neale, *S. Warden.*
James A. McCaul, *J. Warden.*
Frank Fraser Timms, *Chaplain.*
William J. Lindsay, *Treasurer.*
Frederic K. Gibson, *Secretary.*
William F. Eddy, *S. Deacon.*
Edward George Weekes, *J. Deacon.*
Frederic P. Welsh, *S. Steward.*
William D. Firstbrook, *J. Steward.*
Charles H. Barker, *I. Guard.*
John S. Laidlaw, *Tyler.*

Past Master.

Benson, James Henry—1.

MASTER MASONS.

Barton, Thomas	Herchmer, William M.	Mollard, William Thomas
Bole, James	Johnson, David Arthur	Riddell, William
Christie, Thomas N. E.	Johnstone, Thomas C.	Secord, John
Dickson, Andrew Roger	Lindsay, John Forrest	Spragge, Arthur G. M.
Evetts, Walter Frederic	Mackay, Hugh	Stewart, David M.—28.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Gillespie, David Henry	McDonald, Donald A.	McInnes, Arthur Ross—3

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Hamilton, William Henry—1.

DIMITTED.

Osborne, Rev. Alfred Harmon, David M.—2.

NEEPAWA LODGE No. 24.

NEEPAWA, BEAUTIFUL PLAINS COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

John Andrew Davidson, *W. Master.*	James Henry Davidson, *S. Deacon.*
George Brownell, *S. Warden.*	John James McFadden, *J. Deacon.*
William Francis Mann, *J. Warden.*	George Currie, *S. Steward.*
Marmaduke H Fieldhouse, *Chaplain.*	Andrew Baker, *J. Steward.*
Robert Atkinson Bruce, *Treasurer.*	Jonn Everall, *Tyler.*
Alfred Muncaster Dalton, *Secretary.*	

Past Master.

Dempsey, John—1.

MASTER MASONS.

Adams, George K. B.	Buchanan, Donald	Connell, Hemicus
Allan, James, Dr.	Crawford, James	Hamilton, Jonathan J.—19
Bryce David		

IONIC LODGE No. 25.

WINNIPEG, SELKIRK COUNTY.

Regular meetings, first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James John Dunlop, *W. Master*
George Henderson Sinclair, *S. Warden.*
Samuel F. B. Reid, *J. Warden.*
William Minaker, *Chaplain.*
John William Hy Wilson, *Treasurer.*
Charles James Jamieson, *Secretary.*
George A. Boutiller, *S. Deacon.*
Napier Herbert Jackson, *J. Deacon.*
Henry Thomas Smith, *Dir. of Cer.*
James Butters, *S. Steward.*
William A. Ostrum, *J. Steward.*
Richard I. Jones, *I. Guard.*
John McBride, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Clark, Charles Whitfield
Clark, Thomas
Cleghorn, James G. T.
Copeland, Willard C.
Coutlee, Louis William
Kenning, James H.
McDonald, Daniel
McLennan, John J.
O'Donohue, John
Simpson, William
Smith, Henry Harvey
Wilson, John W. H.—12.

MASTER MASONS.

Bell, Henry Thomas
Booth, Henry Campbell
Briggs, Daniel Smith
Burt, John D.
Bulmer, Fred T.
Cochrane, William M.
Corbett, William M.
Forbes, George H.
Freshman, Maurice, B.
Gillies, James George
Hastings, William A.
Hall, John Isaac
Howes, Mack
McKenzie, James Wm.
McKenzie, Lawrence R.
McLagan, John C.
McLennan, John
McMeans, Lendrum
McNeil, Lawrence W.
McKenzie, Andrew
Miller, Hyman
O'Shaughnessy, William
Pennock, William Henry
Ross, Alexander
Ross, William Wallace
Rooks, Thomas
Spence, Thomas
Shaw, Neil S.
Tullok, David
Wylie, Robert C.
Yuill, James—54.

DIMITTED.

Bunn, John R.
Bolton, A. E.
McCamus, John
Toole, William—4.

MOOSE JAW LODGE No. 26.

Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.

Regular meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

John Thomas Colton, *W. Master.*
Samuel John Taylor, *S. Warden.*
James Brass, *J. Warden.*
John Edgar Ross, *Treasurer.*
Herbert Norman Morphy, *Secretary.*
William Goodwin, *S. Deacon.*
Dugald Neil McMillan, *J. Deacon.*
Thomas Healy, *S. Steward.*
William James Law, *J. Steward.*
James V. McCarroll, *I. Guard.*
John Tillen, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Bellain, John William — Kincaid, John—2.

MASTER MASONS.

Alexander, Robert L.	Davies, Edward C. K.	McCaskill, Findlay H.
Bular, George Alfred	Fisher, William	McLean, Daniel
Batten, Henry Carlton	Hardie, Andrew	Patrick, Louis
Batten, Joseph Edward	Holdsworth, George E.	Rowe, J. H.
Bambridge, Martin	Healey, Thomas	Windatt, William A.—30.
Cumpston, Charles B.	Mitchell, James Peter	

DIMITTED.

Fraser, Montague Henry	McKinney, Charles E.	Rolph, John Widmer
Hall, Edward H. D.	Pelly, Arthur Wallace	Sheppard, William
Hunter, George W.	Robinson, Titus William	Wilson, Thomas W.—9.

GLENWOOD LODGE No 27.

SOURIS, BRANDON COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Friday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

James A. Ovas, *W. Master.*	George A. Crosthwaite, *S. Deacon.*
James C. Stoyte, *S. Warden.*	M. S. N. Bryan, *J. Deacon.*
George Maldy, *J. Warden.*	William Albert King, *S. Steward.*
Thomas C. Coggs, *Chaplain.*	Gilbert Wood, *J. Steward.*
Alexander W. Law, *Treasurer.*	William A. Hamilton, *I. Guard*
Richard B. Kirchhoffer, *Secretary.*	James Hopkins, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS.

Doft, John Hay — Johnson, George R.—14.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Chesnut, John — Young, Francis Verschoyle—2.

DIED.

Hamilton, William—1.

BOW RIVER LODGE No. 28.

CALGARY, ALBERTA TER.

Regular meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

George Murdoch, *W. Master.*
Andrew Milne, *S. Warden.*
John Lee Bowen, *J. Warden.*
Archibald McNeil, *Chaplain.*
James Votier, *Treasurer.*
James Robert Turnbull, *Secretary.*
Timothy Herbert Dunn, *S. Deacon.*
Andrew Henderson, *J. Deacon.*
George Lyon Fraser, *S. Steward.*
John Sydney Ingram, *J. Steward.*
Henry Edwin Smith, *I. Guard.*
James Robertson Mitchell, *Tyler.*

Past Masters.

Brogden, James
Brown, Eugene Nelson
Campbell, Colin Nicol
Lindsay, Neville James
Reilly, James
Swan, Thomas—6.

MASTER MASONS.

Adams, John H.
Bannerman, William
Carney, Augustus
Deacon, James Arthur
Fruzo, Isaac Sandford
Houston, William
Johnston, Walter Robert
McGillivray, William
McKenzie, James Stuart
Martin, Abram Foster
Millward, Joseph Henry
Monillous, George
Mortimer, James
Moulton, Joel Draper
Newman, Fred Leslie
Rogers, Edwin Robert
Thomas, Augustine M.
Walker, James
Walker, John Alfred
White, James D.—37.

FELLOW CRAFTS.

Braden, Thomas Beny
Henderson, Andrew
Lake, Thomas Horatio
McLeod, Neil
Paterson, John A.—5.

CARBERRY LODGE No. 29.

CARBERRY, NORFOLK COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Tuesday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

Noble Dickie, *W. Master.*
William J. MacAdam, *S. Warden.*
Michael Colins, *J. Warden.*
Charles William Maloan, *Secretary.*

Past Master.

Babb, Thomas—1.

MASTER MASONS.

Babb, Samuel E.
McLeod, Henry
McFarline, W. A.—8.

MANITOU LODGE No. 30.

MANITOU, DUFFERIN COUNTY.

Regular meetings, Friday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Tees, *W. Master.* Alexander Tait, *S. Deacon.*
Samuel C. McDonnell, *S. Warden.* Hugh Donald Ferguson, *J. Deacon.*
Joseph J. Wilson, *J. Warden.* Matthew Young, *S. Steward.*
Richard Dennis Foley, *Chaplain.* Robert Waldie, *I. Guard.*
Alexander Bethune, *Treasurer.* William Fullerton, *Tyler.*
William Francis Ellis, *Secretary.*

Past Masters.

Pennefather, John Pyne Young, Matthew—2.

MASTER MASONS.

Dunsford, Charles R. Robson, John Spiers Winram, William—17.
Rombough, Joseph

FELLOW CRAFT.

Bethune, John William McKenzie, Richard—2.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Clouston, Alexander Campbell—1.

BATTLE LODGE, U. D.

BATTLEFORD, N. W. T.

Regular meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

L. N. F. Crozier, *W. Master.* Terrence H. G. O'Brien, *S. Warden.*
James Bruce, *J. Warden.*

Past Masters.

James M. McGregor. Terrence H. G. O'Brien—2.

MASTER MASONS.

Clarke, Thomas Rill, James C. Sikes, Henry—7.

EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND RESTORATIONS.

CHARLES Q. CHAMBERLAIN,

Of Marquette Lodge No. 21, expelled by Grand Lodge Feb. 12, 1885.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Gladstone	Lodge No.	11	Francis Blackmore (F.C.)	March 11, 1884
Stonewall	" "	12	Robert Lord (F.C.)	April 29, 1884
Corinthian	" "	15	Lewis W. Hawkesworth	Oct. 14, 1884
Al Moghreb Al Aksa	"	18	Ali Butaleb	Sept. 11, 1884
Marquette	" "	21	Charles Q. Chamberlain	March 13, 1884

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Prince Rupert's Lodge	No.	1	E. A. Blakley	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Robert Bourne	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	J. G. Crombie	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Edwin Doidge	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Angus McLeod	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Dugald McEwen	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Albert Monkman	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	John S. Reid	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Charles Richter	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	William B. Thibaudeau	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	James K. Vello	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Thomas Watts	June 17,	1884
"	"	1	Robert W. McLellan	June 17,	1884
Ancient Landmark	"	3	John H. Mills	June 9,	1884
"	"	3	Christopher Montgomery	June 9,	1884
"	"	3	Thomas H. Smith	June 9,	1884
"	"	3	Wearman Gifford	July 14,	1884
St. John's	"	4	James Parker	Nov. 5,	1884
"	"	4	George R. Miller	Nov. 5,	1884
"	"	4	Franz Stirskey	Nov. 5,	1884
"	"	4	Deuri Alexander	Nov. 5,	1884
Emerson	"	6	William Jenkins	April 27,	1884
"	"	6	H. D. Burritt	June 5,	1884
"	"	6	Alexander Stewart	June 5,	1884
Stonewall	"	12	F. W. Lipset	March 11,	1884
"	"	12	John Stewart	March 11,	1884
Belmont	"	13	Robert Giles	July 3,	1884
"	"	13	Thomas Hagyard	July 3,	1884
"	"	13	George Hope Johnston	July 3,	1884
"	"	13	James Laidlaw	July 3,	1884
"	"	13	George Poston	July 3,	1884
"	"	13	Thomas S. Rooke	July 3,	1884
Prince of Wales	"	14	Harry Garbutt	Aug. 1,	1884
"	"	14	William Donald McKenzie	Aug. 1,	1884
Brandon	"	19	George B. Angus	Sept. 2,	1884
"	"	19	William Hodgson	Sept. 2,	1884
"	"	19	William Given	Sept. 2,	1884
"	"	19	John Metcalf	Sept 2,	1884
"	"	19	John Parke	Sept. 2,	1884
"	"	19	Thomas Russell	Sept. 2,	1884
"	"	19	James W. Turnbull	Sept. 2,	1884
"	"	19	Charles Whitehead	Sept. 2,	1884
"	"	19	William Winter	Sept. 2,	1884

RESTORED.

Prince Rupert's Lodge	No.	1	Clarence E. Steele	March 18,	1884
Emerson	"	6	Joseph Hewson	Oct. 30,	1884
King Solomon	"	8	William Albert Russell	June 24,	1884
Kinistino	"	16	William Reginald Gunn	Oct. 1,	1884
Stonewall	"	12	John Stewart	Aug. 5,	1884

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

At an Emergent Communication held at Rat Portage on the 11th August, A.L. 5885.

—AND AT THE—

ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held in the City of Winnipeg, on the 10th and 11th of February, 1886.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

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PROCEEDINGS

—AT AN—

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

Held at Rat Portage, on Tuesday, 11th August, A.D. 1885, A.L. 5885.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, as Grand Master.
" " J. Kerr Brydon, as Deputy Grand Master.
" " D. T. Ferguson, as Grand Senior Warden.
" A. Carmichael, as Grand Junior Warden.
Rev. Bro. A. Stunden, as Grand Chaplain.
Bro. H. F. Holmes, as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.
" Fred A. Cooke, as Grand Senior Deacon.
" Charles W. Chadwick, as Grand D. of C.
" Wm. Clarke, as Grand Pursuivant.
" J. N. McCracken, as Grand Steward.
" J. McQuarrie, as Grand Steward.

Together with a large number of Masons.

The Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM at 6:30 p.m., by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, District Deputy Grand Master of Winnipeg District, who stated that he had been requested by the M. W. Grand Master to preside for him on this occasion, and to lay the corner stone of St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

A procession, according to the regulations as laid down in the Book of Constitution, was formed, and headed by the Forresters' band, of Rat Portage, proceeded to the site of the church, where a

halt was made, the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the Acting Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed to the north-east corner of the building, where a platform had been erected for the Grand Officers. The opening ceremony commenced by the Acting Grand Chaplain offering up a prayer.

The Grand Secretary then read the following scroll:

IN THE NAME OF AND BY FAVOR OF

ALMIGHTY GOD

On the 11th day of August, A. D. 1885, Era of Masonry 5885, and in the forty-ninth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign,

VICTORIA,

By the Grace of God Empress of India and Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Dominion of Canada; His Excellency the Most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada; the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Premier of the Dominion of Canada; the Honorable James Cox Aikins, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba; the Honorable John Beverly Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario; the Honorable John Norquay, Premier of the Province of Manitoba; Honorable Oliver Mowat, Premier of the Province of Ontario; Samuel J. Dawson, Esquire, member of the House of Commons for the Dominion of Canada; James Conmee, member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario; John McQuarrie, Esquire, Reeve of the Township of Rat Portage; the Rt. Honorable Edward W. L. Benson, D. D., Archbishop of Canterbury; the Most Reverend Robert Machray, D D., Metropolitan of Rupert's Land; the Most Reverend John Medley, D. D., Metropolitan of Canada; the Right Reverend A. Lee, D. D., presiding Bishop of the United States; the Rev. Alfred Stunden, B. A., Incumbent of St. Alban's Church, Rat Portage; Messrs. H. F. Holmes and Walter Coate, Church Wardens; Charles Thomson, Arthur Woods, Henry Bulmer, Robert Emerson, Robert Bunn, Robert Reading, Charles Belyea, Herbert Williams, John Chisholm, John Humble, S. S. Scoville, M. D., and Peter Salmon, Vestrymen; Messrs. H. F. Holmes, R. Bunn, Edward Chapman, Peter Salmon, Rev. Alfred Stunden, John Haney, Building Committee; Mr. Gould, Architect; Messrs. Gerrie & Stirling, Contractors.

THIS CORNER STONE OF ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH,

Rat Portage, was laid by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, District Deputy Grand Master of Winnipeg District of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M., assisted by the Acting Grand Lodge Officers and a large concourse of Brethren, with the usual ceremonies and usages of the Order, which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and bless.

The Grand Secretary then announced that in the cavity of the stone were placed the scroll and copies of the *Dominion Churchman*, *Church Guardian*, *Rat Portage Progress*, Daily and Weekly *Manitoba Free Press*, Daily and Weekly *Manitoban*, *Canadian Craftsman*, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M., Canadian coins of various denominations.

The necessary mortar being laid, the Acting Grand Master spread it with the trowel and said: "I spread this cement as an emblem of peace and good-will, which I trust will ever prevail in the sacred edifice to be erected, and may its heaven-pointing spire remind the congregation, under God's blessing, of those mansions of bliss whence all goodness emanates."

The upper stone being properly placed, after being lowered by the regular halts, the Acting Grand Master then instructed the Acting Grand Junior Warden to apply the plumb, the Acting Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Acting Deputy Grand Master the square.

Grand Master: "Brother Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper jewel of your office?" Grand Junior Warden: "The plumb rule, Most Worshipful Sir."

Grand Master: "Have you applied the plumb to the edges of the stone?" Grand Junior Warden: "I have, Most Worshipful Sir, and the craftsmen have done their duty."

Similar questions as to the level and square, with a like response, were put to and given by the Acting Grand Senior Warden and Acting Deputy Grand Master.

The Acting Grand Master then said: "Brethren, having full confidence in your skill in our Royal Art, it remains with me now to finish the work." He then gave the stone three knocks with the gavel and said: "Well made, well proved, truly laid, true and trusty, and may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the Craftsmen, according to the Grand Plan, in peace, harmony and brotherly love. So mote it be." Corn, wine and oil were then handed to him, and as he poured out the customary libations said: "I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of plenty, I pour wine upon it as an emblem of cheerfulness, and I annoint it with oil as an emblem of comfort and consolation. May corn,

wine and oil and all the necessaries of life abound among men, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it. So mote it be."

The plans having been submitted to the Acting Grand Master, he presented them to the Architect, saying: "The foundation of this building being now laid, I present you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in the full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order and harmony, being perfected in beauty and strength."

The Grand Honors were then given according to ancient custom, and the Acting Grand Master spoke as follows:

The procession then re-formed in the same order as before and marched back to the hall, when the Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM at 8 p.m.

Wm. G. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

A. F. & A. M.,

AT THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Winnipeg, on the 10th and 11th days of February, A.L. 5886, A.D. 1886.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro.	C. F. Forrest		Grand Master.
R. W. "	Alfred Pearson		Deputy Grand Master.
" "	P. McGregor		Grand Senior Warden.
" "	Thos. Collins	"	Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	as "	Chaplain.
" "	John McKechnie	"	Treasurer.
" "	Wm. G. Scott	"	Secretary.
" "	J. W. H. Wilson	"	Registrar.
V. W. "	John Y. Cain	"	Senior Deacon.
" "	D. Hope	as "	Junior Deacon.
" "	W. G. Bell	"	Sword Bearer.
" "	Alfred Ashdown	"	Organist.
" "	James A. Ovas	"	Pursuivant.
" "	J. A. Kerr	"	Steward.
" "	James Greig	"	"
" "	J. J. White	"	"
	" John McBride	"	Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	W. C. Copeland	No. 1, or Winnipeg District.
" "	R. McCuaig	No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.
" "	P. McGregor	No. 4, or Brandon District.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro. John Headly Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Idaho, Montana, and Scotland.

M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Florida.

M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

R. W. Bro. S. Duffin, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Wyoming.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Representative of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Mexico and Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

R. W. Bro. A. J. Belch, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward's Island.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

R. W. Bro. J. M. McGregor, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of California.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

V. W. Bro. W. H. Seach, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

V. W. Bro. Hugh McCowan, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Min nesota.

V. W. Bro. W. R. Black, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

V. W. Bro. Alfred McKeand, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

V. W. Bro. Alex. Nicol, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson.....Past Grand Master.
" " John H. Bell..... " " "
R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris..... " Deputy Grand Master.
" " E. G. Conklin..... " " " "
" " Wm. G. Scott..... " " " "
" " D. B. Murray..... " " " "
" " G. F. Carruthers..... " District Deputy Grand Master.
" " P. McGregor..... " " " "
" " J. A. Griffith..... " " " "
" " S. Duffin..... " Grand Senior Warden.
" " Alfred Pearson..... " " " "
" " R. McCuaig..... " " " "
" " A. J. Belch..... " " Junior Warden.
" " J. M. McGregor..... " " " "

PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin,
" " A. Pearson,
" " Wm. G. Scott,
" " John McKechnie,
V. W. " Joseph Hursell,
W. " John Leslie,
V. W. " A. McKeand,
W. " W. T. Walker,
V. W. " James Greig,
R. W. " Bro. D. B. Murray,
" " S. Duffin,
" " J. M. McGregor,
V. W. " R. W. A. Rolph,
" " Wm. G. Bell,
W. " Geo. E. Fulthorpe,
" " D. Hope,
" " A. H. Van Ettan,
" " Andrew Schmidt,
" " Henry Cameron,

M. W. Bro. John H. Bell,
R. W. " Canon J. D. O'Meara,
V. W. " John McBeth,
R. W. " R. McCuaig,
" " Thomas Collins,
V. W. " W. R. Black,
M. W. " C. F. Forrest,
" " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
V. W. " Thomas Robinson,
W. " R. J. Brett,
" " D. J. Goggin,
" " J. B. Somerset,
" " H. N. Ruttan,
" " John Mason,
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R. W. " J. A. Griffith,
" " P. McGregor,
V. W. " J. J. White,

R. W. Bro. A. J. Belch,
" " J. W. Harris,
V. W. " Alex. McGowan,
" " W. J. Ptolemy,
" " Hugh McCowan,
" " Wm. H. Seach,
" " James Levy,
" " James A. Ovas,

W. Bro. W. T. Munday,
" " J. K. Brydon,
V. W. " J. A. Kerr,
R. W. " J. W. H. Wilson,
" " W. C. Copeland,
" " Thomas Clark,
W. " L. W. Coutlee,
" " J. T. Colton,
" " E. Nelson Brown.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 8:30 P. M., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the proceedings.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bros. R. McCuaig and P. McGregor, and V. W. Bros. D. Hope and J. K. Brydon, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz. :—

No. 1.—PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, W. M. ; Bro. J. J. Jackson, S. W. ; Bro. Duncan McArthur, J. W.

No. 2.—LISGAR LODGE, SELKIRK.

W. Bro. R. Dickson, W. M. ; W. Bro. James G. Dagg, J. W.

No. 3.—ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, WINNIPEG.

Bro. T. F. Kinty, S. W. ; Bro. Thomas Nixon, J. W.

No. 4.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. A. L. Young, W. M. ; Bro. Robinson Morris, J. W.

No. 5.—HIRAM LODGE, KILDONAN.

W. Bro. C A. Sadleir, W. M.

No. 6.—EMERSON LODGE, EMERSON.

Bro. D. H. McFadden, S. W. ; Bro. W. J. Whitley, J. W.

No. 7.—ASSINIBOINE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

R. W. Bro Thomas Collins, W. M.

No. 9.—OAKLAND, CARMAN.

Bro. Frank D. Stewart, S. W. ; Bro. W. J. Hemenway, J. W.

No. 10.—NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. J. Stanley Hough, W. M. ; Bro. S. S. Cummins, S. W. ; Bro. W. S. Grant, J. W.

No. 11.—GLADSTONE LODGE, GLADSTONE.

W. Bro. John Mason, W. M. ; Bro. Thomas Cory, S. W.

No. 12.—STONEWALL LODGE, STONEWALL.

W. Bro. John Montgomery, W. M. ; Bro. Joseph Totttle, S. W. ; Bro. Wm. T. Vincent, J. W.

No. 13.—BELMONT LODGE, MORDEN.

W. Bro. Thomas H. York, W. M.

No. 14.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, MINNEDOSA.

W. Bro. Thomas A. Cuddy, W. M.

No. 16.—KINISTINO LODGE, PRINCE ALBERT.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, Proxy.

No. 19.—BRANDON LODGE, BRANDON.

W. Bro. F. W. Peters, W. M.

No. 21.—MARQUETTE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

W. Bro. R. C. Brown, W. M. ; Bro. H. J. Woodside, S. W.

No. 22.—PEQUONGA LODGE, RAT PORTAGE.

W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, W. M.

No. 23.—WASCANA LODGE, REGINA.

Bro. J. A. MacCaul, S. W.

No. 24.—NEEPAWA LODGE, NEEPAWA.

W. Bro. Geo. Brownell, W. M. ; Bro. James H. Davidson, S. W. ; Bro. W. F. Mann, J. W.

No. 25.—IONIC LODGE, WINNIPEG.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Kenning, W. M. ; Bro. L. McMeans, S. W.

No. 26.—MOOSE JAW LODGE, MOOSE JAW.

W. Bro. John T. Colton, P. M., Proxy.

No. 27.—GLENWOOD LODGE, SOURIS.

W. Bro. James C. Stoyte, W. M.

No. 28.—BOW RIVER LODGE, CALGARY.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Proxy.

No. 29.—CARBERRY LODGE, CARBERRY.

W. Bro. Wm. J. McAdam, W. M. ; Bro. M. Collins, S. W.

No. 30.—MANITOU LODGE, MANITOU.

V. W. Bro. Joseph Tees.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business, when it was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, and

Resolved, That the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the hours of business, be considered as read.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by W. Bro. John Montgomery, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Tenth Annual Commmunication, held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 11th and 12th days of February, 1885, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the proceedings of an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Rat Portage, on Tuesday, 11th day of August, 1885.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Rat Portage, on Tuesday, 11th August, 1885, be and are hereby confirmed.

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The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren assembled in Grand Communication :—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

Again are we permitted by the Great Architect of the Universe to assemble around our beloved Masonic Altar. Let us return thanks to our Heavenly Father for that great blessing. May He, my dear brethren, long continue this favor, and for many a year permit us, now present, to meet together in Friendship, Love and Truth.

Owing to having been called to the front to assist in quelling the rebellion, and the pressing duties of my business, I have not been able to visit any of the Lodges in the jurisdiction over which I have the honor to preside except Pequonga, which I visited on the evening of the 20th January, 1886, where I saw the third degree conferred by the W. M., Worshipful Brother David T. Ferguson, which I do not think can be excelled in this jurisdiction.

SORROW.

Death, that grim tyrant, has again laid his heavy hand upon us. Since our last Aunual Communication our beloved Brother and Past Grand Master, Lieut.-Col. W. N. Kennedy, has been summoned to the Grand Lodge above. In the defence of our mother country's rights, he gallantly offered his services in the Soudan campaign, which were accepted. Having honorably served there so far as lay in his power, he started for home; but death—that grim oppressor—laid his heavy hand upon him and demanded of him to surrender that which we poor mortals deem most dear—life.

THANKS.

I particularly wish to return thanks to R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for the kind manner in which he has assisted me, and the readiness with which he came forward with any information I required. Also to M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, P. G. M., for his kind and fatherly advice, which was generously given upon all occasions when it was asked for.

BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of the following Lodges have been examined and

approved : Ancient Landmark No. 3 ; St. John's No. 4 ; Emerson No. 6 ; Stonewall No. 12 ; Prince of Wales No. 14.

NEW LODGES.

Since the last Annual Communication, a dispensation has been granted for a new Lodge at Medicine Hat. Ten petitioners ; name, Medicine Hat Lodge ; date of Dispensation June 16, 1885 ; meets first Thursday in each month . Thomas McPherson, W.M. ; Silias B. Yuill, S. W. ; Thomas Tweed, J. W.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted as follows :

1. To wear regalia in public, at Masonic Festivals and Church Services, to Emerson Lodge No. 6 ; Gladstone No. 11 ; Saskatchewan No. 17 ; Brandon No. 19 ; Pembina No. 20 ; Pequonga No. 22 ; Glenwood No. 27.

2. To confer degrees in less than one month—June 1st, 1885, to Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26, on Bro. John White ; July 13th, 1885, to Oakland Lodge No. 9, on Bro. Thomas Wilson ; September 23rd, 1885, to Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26, on Bro. E. J. Russell. The two first mentioned were issued by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, D. G. M.

3. June 10th, 1885, a commission was granted by R.W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, D. G. M., to R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, to discharge the duties of D. D. G. M. during the temporary absence of R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, D. D. G. M. On October 9th, 1885 Dispensation to Hiram Lodge No. 5 to initiate Mr. James Bell, a candidate 18 years of age. This was done out of compliment to our Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, who is certainly well deserving of it.

October 29th, 1885, Dispensation to D. H. McFadden, S. W., to assume and perform the duties of W. M. of Emerson Lodge No. 6, and confer degrees.

A Dispensation was granted to Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17 on the 7th December, to appear in regalia at the ball on the 28th of December. A dispensation was granted to Bow River Lodge No. 28 to appear in regalia at a ball on December 28th.

I have refused to grant a Dispensation to Lisgar Lodge No. 2 to confer the degree of Fellowcraft and Master Mason on the same night on a Brother leaving that town, for the reason that I did not see the advisability of so doing, as he was going where he could get these degrees. I consider that a Brother going to the North-west or any other place that he cannot receive the degrees, is entitled to a dispensation to receive that favor. I also refused to grant a dispensation to Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 to install Brother D. H. McMillan as W. M. of that Lodge, he not having previously filled the Warden's chair; and there were others who were both willing and eligible to take the office. A dispensation was refused to wear regalia at an excursion on July 1st, 1885, by the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. A. Pearson.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren of this Grand Lodge have been appointed as follows: V. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, to represent Mississippi, vice M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, resigned; V. W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, to represent Arizona; M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, to represent Canada, vice M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, deceased; M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, to represent Scotland; R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, to represent Utah, vice R. W. Bro. J. J. Johnson, dimitted; V. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, to represent New Jersey; R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, to represent Ohio, vice Hon. W. N. Kennedy, deceased. R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, to represent California.

FROM THIS GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. William H. Whyte, near Quebec, vice W. Bro. Alfred Isaacson, left jurisdiction; Iowa, R. W. Bro. George W. Van Leuven, vice W. Bro. W. J. Law, left jurisdiction; Arizona, V. W. Bro. Abraham Marx; New Jersey, R. W. Bro. W. Hardacre.

OAKLAND LODGE No. 9.

I have much pleasure in stating that the Charter of Oakland Lodge was returned in May last. The present membership of this Lodge is 16; it is evidently prospering.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The only report received under this head is from M. W. Bro. J.

H. Bell, Past Grand Master, who at my request constituted and installed the Officers of Manitou Lodge No. 30, on Friday evening, 29th January, 1886. No doubt the D. D. G. M's will report as to the other Lodges to which charters were granted at the last Annual Communication.

HALLS DEDICATED.

The new Hall of Lisgar Lodge No. 2 was dedicated on June 25th, by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, D. G. M., assisted by M.W. Bro. J. H. Bell, M. W. Bro. George Black, R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Grand Registrar, and R.W. Bro. J. H. Kenning.

REMOVAL OF LODGE.

Belmont Lodge No. 13 was removed from the town of Nelson to that of Morden. Doubtless this will come in in the D. D. G. M's report.

CORNER STONE LAID.

On Tuesday, August 10th, 1885, the corner stone of St. Albans' Church (Church of England) Rat Portage, was laid by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, D. D. G. M of Winnipeg District, assisted by R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, and the brethren of Pequonga Lodge.

CLOSING.

And now, my dear brethren, in conclusion let me say that, in returning you the Emblem of Authority, I heartily thank you for the high honor conferred upon me. I regard it as the highest honor that can be bestowed upon any man, to be selected and elected Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons; and I assure you that to the best of my ability I have, without fear, faithfully, zealously, and impartially endeavored to discharge my duties so far as an opportunity offered. As I before stated, owing to circumstances over which I had not any control, I have not been able to give it the attention I should wish to have done.

Fraternally yours,

C. F. FORREST,

Grand Master.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No 1.—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

WINNIPEG, Man., February 2nd, 1886.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of Winnipeg District No. 1, for our Masonic year now drawing to a close.

I am very much gratified to be able to report that the general progress of our beloved Order for the past year in my jurisdiction has been most satisfactory, and I sincerely trust that the standard of work established will be maintained.

I had the honor of representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at an Especial Communication of this Grand Lodge, held at Rat Portage on Tuesday, the eleventh day of August last, as mentioned in his report, and I take this opportunity of putting on record my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy extended to myself and Right Worshipful Brother Scott, our Grand Secretary, by the brethren of Pequonga Lodge, on that occasion.

Owing to the unfortunate disturbance in the Northwest Territories I (with many others of our brethren) was unavoidably away from my Masonic duties for upwards of four months of the most desirable time for making official visitations, and I trust that the lodges in my jurisdiction outside of Winnipeg, will accept this as my apology for what might appear as neglect on my part.

During my absence R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, at the request of the R. W. the D. G. M., kindly officiated for me. His report is hereto attached :

DETAILED REPORT OF LODGES.

PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE No. 1.

I have visited this Lodge several times during the past year, once officially, and find that it has well informed officers and skilful craftsmen, and while the number added to it has not been great, the work has been well done.

LISGAR LODGE No. 2.

I regret very much that I have not been able to visit this Lodge, but from what I can learn it is in a very flourishing condition.

ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 3.

I have been a fairly good attendant at this Lodge and have also paid it two

official visits, and it gives me great pleasure in being able to report that its prosperity has been and still continues to be wonderful, and for wealth and membership may be justly termed the banner Lodge of this district. All the officers are well up in their work, and their appliances for illustrating the lectures make them very impressive.

St. John's Lodge No. 4.

I have visited this Lodge twice officially as well as being a fairly good attendant, and will only say that the forecast made by R. W. Bro. Pearson, my predecessor, in last year's report has been fully realized. The work has been "true work and square work." Financially and every way this Lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

Hiram Lodge No. 5.

I have been a frequent visitor at this Lodge, once officially. The work done is good and the brethren always ready to extend the hand of brotherhood to visitors. It is always a pleasure to visit this Lodge.

Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

While I have visited this Lodge on several occasions circumstances have prevented me paying an official visit. I regret to have to report that this Lodge has been at a stand still, but sincerely hope that the halt has only been a temporary one and that my successor will be able next year to announce that the brethren of Northern Light Lodge have joined in the general march forward. The introduction of social and literary entertainments among the brethren are due to this Lodge, and have afforded us all a great deal of pleasure. I take this opportunity of expressing my sorrow and sympathy for W. Bro. Hough, the W. M. of this Lodge, in his painful and serious accident.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

In company with R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, W. Bro Dunlop, Bro. Coblentz, and Bro. Campbell, I paid my official visit to this Lodge, when I saw the 3rd degree conferred by V. W. Bro. Ashdown, assisted by his able staff of officers. The degree was worked in a manner creditable to any Lodge. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition.

Pequonga Lodge No. 22.

I regret that I have not been able to pay this Lodge an official visit, but from my personal acquaintance with the W. M., P. M's, and officers and brethren, I do not hesitate to say that the Lodge is in good hands and must be successful.

Ionic Lodge No 25.

Last but not least of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, I have much plea sure in being able to report it in a flourishing condition. The work is always

well done, and while the quantity has not been as great as during the previous year, the quality is unquestionable.

The books of the several Lodges are generally well kept. Where there have been errors I have pointed them out and referred the Secretary to the proper form in the Constitution.

I have granted the following Dispensations:—

To St. John's Lodge No. 4, to confer the 3rd degree on Bro. J. H. Spencer, a member of said Lodge, at their regular meeting in April, 1885, his name not being on summons for said meeting.

On the 12th Sept., 1885, to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, to hold an Emergent Meeting without giving the usual seven days' notice, for the purpose of conferring the 3rd degree upon Bro. J. E. Crews, said Bro. Crews having been suddenly called away from the city.

In both of these cases the brethren to be raised had served the full month as fellowcrafts.

To Pequonga Lodge to wear regalia to church on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

I refused a Dispensation to St. John's Lodge No. 4 to open the Lodge at their regular meeting in April at an earlier hour than that laid down in their By-laws.

I have much pleasure in being able to report the Winnipeg Board of Relief in a very healthy condition. They open the year with cash and available assets to the amount of $507. Attached is their statement.

I also attach some other correspondence which I do not think necessary to detail in this report.

I cannot complete this my last official act without expressing my thanks to the officers of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the officers and brethren of all the Lodges in my jurisdiction for their unvaried kindness and courtsey to me, and for assistance cheerfully given me in the discharge of my duty.

Wishing you all continued prosperity I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

WILLARD C. COPELAND, D. D. G. M.,

Winnipeg District No. 1.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to report that on the 10th day of May, 5885, I received a Commission from the R. W. D. G. M. to discharge the duties of D. D. G. M. of Winniprg District No. 1, during the temporary absence of R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland at the front in the North-west, and took upon myself the performance of the same. In my official capacity I attended the funeral of our late

Bro. Swinford, who lost his life in defence of his Queen and country. Considering the unfavorable state of the weather, there was a very large attendance, and the ceremonies were most imposing.

On June 5th I paid an official visit to Ionic Lodge No. 25, and presided at the election of officers. I found everything well done and in proper order.

I received an invitation from W. Bro. Brydon to the D. D. G. M. to attend on St. John's Day at Rat Portage ; but on account of a previous engagement was obliged to decline it, and so advised him.

On June 25th I, in my official capacity, assisted the R. W. D. G. M. in dedicating the new Hall of Lisgar Lodge at Selkirk ; and at the same time I made an official visit to that Lodge. The work was well done, and all things were to my satisfaction. I have to congratulate this Lodge on the possession of a convenient, comfortable and elegantly fitted up lodge-room, and the officers and members on the manner in which the business was done ; and to return thanks for the right royal manner in which the visiting brethren were entertained by Lisgar Lodge.

Upon the return of the R W. the D. D. G. M., I handed the District over to him.

All of which is fratetnally submitted.

J. W. H. WILSON.

No. 3.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, February 8, 1886.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

According to established custom, I present my report on the state of Masonry in District No. 3 during the past year.

Very little progress has been made, if increase of number be the criterion. There are two evident reasons for this : First, the agricultural depression of the two previous years has been keenly felt in the small towns and rural districts, resulting in the putting off to a "more convenient season" of applications to be admitted into Masonry by many ; secondly, I find that a great deal more care has been displayed in the choice of material. The bountiful harvest of the past season in District No 3 marks the return of prosperity, which will do away with the first of these reasons, and I trust the second will ever continue.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted the following dispensations to wear regalia in public for the purpose of attending Divine worship : On the Sunday following the Festival of St. John the Baptist, to Assiniboine and Marquette Lodges, Portage la Prairie ; on Sunday, the 27th Dec., to Assiniboine and Marquette Lodges, Portage la Prairie ; to Gladstone Lodge, Gladstone ; and to Neepawa Lodge, Neepawa.

ASSINIBOINE LODGE No. 7.

I regret to have to say that this Lodge has not been doing well. The attendance is small—at times no quorum, and no work done. It is a difficult matter to show all the causes for this state of affairs. By contrast we know that when all the officers and members of a lodge do their duty, success invariably crowns their efforts. The financial affairs of this lodge have been bad, but now I believe that strenuous efforts are being made to get square again, which leads me to hope better things for the future. Bro. Collins has been re-elected W. M., and I consider it safe to promise that he will spare no effort to improve the lodge.

GLADSTONE LODGE No. 11.

I visited this Lodge in November, and was glad to find that, although there had been no increase of membership during the year, the material offered having been rejected, the meetings had been well attended, and the lodge was out of debt. The Third degree was exemplified, and the work was well done. The records are well kept, and I have no doubt as to the future prosperity of this lodge.

MARQUETTE LODGE No. 21.

I visited this Lodge on several occasions, and it gives me much pleasure to be able to report that this lodge has been the most successful in the district during the past year, although, in fact from the energy, zeal and fidelity displayed by W. Bro. White in the discharge of his duties as Master of the lodge, no other result was possible. The work was well done ; the meetings were fairly well attended, and the lodge is in a good financial condition.

NEEPAWA LODGE No. 24.

I visited this Lodge in November, and found the brethren quite hopeful of the future, although no increase of membership had been made during the past year. With commendable caution the lodge has been kept financially straight, and the records are well kept. This lodge is in a splendid agricultural district that is fast growing into population and wealth, and should in a few years be one of the strongest lodges in the district.

In conclusion, permit me to thank the brethren of this district for the honor they have done me in electing me for the second time to this responsible position, and I hope that my successor will be able to report greater prosperity among the Craft than I have reported.

Yours fraternally,

R. McCUAIG, D. D. G. M.,

No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.

No. 4.—MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

As there are only two Lodges in No. 4 District, my report will necessarily be short.

I had cherished the hope of being able to report the addition of one or more new lodges during the year. In and about Birtle there is a sufficient number of brethren to organize a lodge with a fairly large membership. The uncertainty of railway matters, I presume, has been the obstacle standing in the way of immediate organization at that place. The extension of the North Western Railway, with new towns springing up along its course, I have no doubt, will be followed by the formation of a number of new lodges at an early date. I shall be obliged, however, to leave to my successor the pleasure of being the organizer.

I made an official visit to Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, at Minnedosa, on January 1st. It was the occasion of their installation of officers. There seemed to be a very harmonious, fraternal spirit pervading the lodge, and the work being done, I am happy to be able to say, is of a superior character. A matter worthy of note was the report of the Relief Committee. A Mason lately out from the old country, temporarily residing among strangers, became very ill. The Committee visited him, and after being satisfied of his worthiness, gave him every attention, thereby in a marked degree ameliorating the severity of his suffering. It is gratifying to see that the benevolent principles peculiar to the genius of Masonry are not forgotten, but felt and practiced by the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge.

What I have said in regard to Masonic work in Prince of Wales Lodge, will apply equally to Corinthian Lodge No. 15, at Rapid City. The financial position of this lodge has not been as satisfactory as could have been desired, through various causes, which I will endeavor to explain. The lodge has paid Grand Lodge dues for a number of brethren from whom nothing has been collected, and who should have been dropped long ago. A number joined the lodge shortly after its organization, and almost immediately removed from the place, and not receiving, as they suppose, the benefits of membership, have paid no dues. A few are in such low circumstances that they are unable to pay. During the boom this lodge conceived that it would be to its advantage to possess a building site, and accordingly arranged to purchase a lot at a high figure. Rent, also, at this period, and for some time subsequently, was very high, the lodge having to pay $200 per annum for its place of meeting. These causes combined have rendered it difficult for the lodge even to keep its account straight with the Grand Lodge. A vigorous effort is now being put forth to secure a settlement of back dues, and a rigid system of economy is being inaugurated, so that I trust before next annual communication of Grand Lodge, the lodge will be out of debt, and on a good financial footing. I may say in this connection that I believe they have made a happy choice of Secretary, as well

as other officers, and I have no doubt that this will contribute largely to the accomplishment of so desirable an end.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. A. CORNELL, D. D. G. M.

No. 4, or Minnedosa District.

No. 5.—BRANDON DISTRICT.

BRANDON, Man., 1st February, 1886.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. &. A.M.

In accordance with our usual custom, I now submit for your consideration my report as D. D. G. M. for Brandon District No. 5.

I have visited the various lodges in my District, and have found everything working smoothly and harmoniously.

On the 25th of May, acting under instructions from the Grand Secretary, I proceeded to Carberry, accompanied by Bro. Sage, of Brandon Lodge, and constituted Carberry Lodge, No. 29, and installed the officers for the ensuing year. Their books, upon examination, were found very correct, and showed great care upon the part of the Secretary. Under the able leadership of W. Bro. Dickie, who is well supported by his officers, the Lodge has progressed very favorably, and while adding to their number, are very particular as to the quality of material with which they are building their Lodge.

On the 24th June I visited Brandon Lodge, No. 19, and installed the officers for the ensuing year. I found the Lodge rapidly recovering from the severe shock which it received some two years ago, and under the skilful handling of W. Bro. McDairmid and an efficient staff of officers, the Lodge has been working successfully and harmoniously. His successor, W. Bro. F. W. Peters, the present Master, is a brother well skilled in the craft, and with the officers under him, I have no hesitation in saying that at the end of his term he will have left a record of which any brother may well feel proud. I regret to say, however, that the hand of death has fallen in our midst and removed one of the earliest as well as one of the most zealous Masons of this lodge. I allude to Bro. A. L. McMillan, who accidentally shot himself in December last. It is needless to say that his death has cast a gloom over the Masonic fraternity of the city of Brandon, where he was much respected and esteemed, both as a Mason and a citizen.

On the 21st of August, in company with W. Bro. Peters and W. Bro. Cummings, I visited Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Plum Creek. I found that lodge sailing steadily along, without a drawback ; in fact I looked for nothing else but success in a lodge that has a Master so well skilled in the science as W. Bro. Ovas. The officers who supported him deserve every praise for the very able way in which they support him in the work. Although not receiving as

many candidates as some of the older lodges, those whom they do accept are of the class most likely so ensure the future success of Glenwood Lodge.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the various lodges in my district for the able assistance which has at all times been rendered to me while in the discharge of my duties as their D. D. G. M. and also for the courtesy extended to me at all times while in their midst.

I remain, yours fraternally,

JOHN DICKSON, D. D. G. M.,
Brandon District No. 5.

No 6.—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

CALGARY, January 21st, 1886.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F & A. M.

In accordance with the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba I now beg leave to submit my Annual Report for the Masonic year just past.

I must here apologize for not having visited all the lodges in my jurisdiction, as required by the Constitution. The great distance separating lodges in this district is the principal reason for my neglect in this matter. However, from what I have been able to learn in one way and another respecting the lodges in Alberta District, I must say that I consider them in a fairly prosperous state.

I visited Bow River Lodge several times during the year, and on the 21st December made an official visit; and recommended that the working of the Lodge be changed in accordance with that adopted at time of organization, the Master having introduced a different working subsequent to his installation, and without the consent of Bow River Lodge or of the Grand Lodge Officers. I am now glad to be able to state that my recommendation has been carried out by the officers of the Lodge, and I anticipate a much more prosperous condition of things in consequence.

On November 10th I recommended that the petition of brethren from Indian Head to form a new lodge be granted.

On December 7th I granted a dispensation to the brethren of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17, Edmonton, to appear clothed as Masons at a public ball to be held on December 28th, in celebration of St. John the Evangelist.

On December 9th I granted a dispensation to the brethren of Bow River Lodge No. 28 to appear in regalia at a public ball held on the 28th December last; and on the same date, 28th December last, I installed the officers of Bow River Lodge according to ancient custom.

All of which is most respectfully and fraternally submitted.

N. J. LINDSAY, D. D. G. M.,
Alberta, or No. 6 District.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

The following was received after the close of the session of Grand Lodge :

No. 7.—MOROCCO DISTRICT.

TANGIER, 31st December, 1885.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. &°. A.M.

Owing to the cholera, which has been ravaging Southern Europe, and the consequent quarantine regulations, the correspondence between this country and other parts of the world has been interrupted, so that your favor of the 15th August only reached me a few weeks ago. The Commission it enclosed is also to hand, and I thank you for it. In thanking you for the confidence you have placed in me, I beg to report upon the following points :

Lodge Al Moghreb Al Aksa, under its present management, is in a fair way of prosperity, and I hope soon to raise it to an importance which will be second to none in the neighboring towns.

BY-LAWS.—I have had the By-laws translated into Spanish, this being the language most spoken in the country besides the Arabic ; in course of time they will be translated into the latter.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding the deaths and secessions, we still number 44 and a serving brother.

WORKING.—Under many difficulties inherent to a country where several nationalities form the population, the working is very fair, but in order to facilitate matters, I have granted the lodge a dispensation to work in the Spanish language. This is merely temporary, and pending your approval, which I request to have as soon as possible.

DISPENSATION.—In authorizing our working to be in the Spanish language, pray add that we may give the degrees in Arabic and French in case of need.

FINANCE.—I am happy to say the lodge is nearly out of debt, and as soon as we clear off the small balance due to the Grand Lodge we shall be in a fair way to improve the lodge.

MASONIC COMMUNICATION.—The Almoghreb Al Aksa Lodge is on the most cordial terms of fraternal intercourse with the English, Scotch and Irish lodges in Gibraltar, as well as with the Spanish lodges holding under the Grand Orient of Spain.

We hold no official communication with two lodges holding under the Gran

Logias of various parts of Spain, which are not acknowledged by our English, Scotch or Irish neighbors across the Straits.

Hoping the above report will be satisfactory,

I am, yours most fraternally,

L. A. COHEN,
D. D. G. M. for Morocco.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

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Feb. 14.	To cash from Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary ...	$1431 46	
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Date.	No.	Orders paid as follows :	
Feb. 14.	141.	W. G. Scott, services as G. Secretary, 1884	$400 00
	142.	J. H. Bell, P. G. M., grant as per vote of Grand Lodge	100 00
	143.	John McBride, services as Grand Tyler...	15 00
	144.	Jos. Hursell, services as assistant Gr. Tyler	5 00
27.	145.	Jno Y. Cain, refreshments for Grand Lodge at Annual Session	50 00
Mch. 28	146.	Walker & May, for printing 750 copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings	187 00
May 20	147.	W. G. Scott, G. Secretary, in payment of Free Press account.....	1 00
		J. B. Trayes' account	6 75
		G. N. W. Telegraph Co.....	3 55
20.	148.	Walker & May, for printing stationery, &c.	15 25
20.	149.	H. Newell, engrossing Charters, Manitou and Carberry Lodges.....	20 00
		Carried forward.....	$783 55

		Brought forward	$783 55
	20.	150. Alex. Kennedy, for books and stationery	6 10
	20.	151. W. G. Scott, Gr. Secretary, in payment of Alex. Taylor's account	1 45
		Bishop Engraving Co's account	1 50
	20.	152. G. N. W. Telegraph Co., cablegram to G. Sec'y of England, re Bro. Kennedy	20 90
	20.	153. John Y. Cain, grant to Masonic Benevolence Committee of Winnipeg	150 00
	20.	154. W. G. Scott, quarter salary ending May 13	100 00
Aug.	3.	155. W. G. Scott, Gr. Sec'y, draft favor Pettibone Mfg Co , 110 G. L. Certificates	55 00
	3.	156. Walker & May, for printing	18 25
	3.	157. J. G. Soper, one gold and plush frame	13 00
	3.	158. Alex. Kennedy, one Amberg file and case.	1 25
	3.	159. H. Newell, engrossing	22 50
	3.	160. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for postage, telegraphing, etc	39 48
		161. Alex. Taylor, stationery	2 25
	10.	162. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, quarter's salary ending Aug. 12, 1885	100 00
Oct.	3.	163. The London Guarantee and Accident Co., premium for Gr. Sec'y bonds	15 00
	27.	164. W. G. Scott, Gr. Sec'y, in payment of draft favor Pettibone Mfg Co	50 00
	27.	165. Copeland & Bell, express and duty on 100 certificates	17 30
Nov.	19.	166. Manitoba Free Press, advertising	13 00
	19.	167. H. B. Rose, rent of Gr. Secretary's office 15th Aug. to 15th Nov	24 00
	19.	168. Walker & May, stationery, printing, etc	18 50
	19.	169. Thos. W. Taylor, one Certificate Register.	11 00
	19.	170. O'Loughlin Bros., one minute book	11 50
	19.	171. G. C. Mortimore, for books, etc	4 00
	19.	172. Alex. Taylor, stationery	2 25
	19.	173. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for salary quarter ending Nov. 12, 1885	100 00
	19.	174. W. G. Scott, Gr. Sec'y, one dozen copies	
1886.		Constitution G. L. of Quebec	3 65
Feb.	8.	175. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for postage, telegraphing, etc	24 71
	8.	176. H. B. Rose, rent of office quarter to Feb. 15, 1886	24 00
	8.	177. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, books for library, purchased at sale	10 35
		Carried forward	$1664 49

		Brought forward.....	$1664 49
8.	178.	Walker & May, printing and advertising..	11 75
8.	179.	G. C. Mortimore, books and stationery...	2 00
		By balance	1167 42
			$2845 66

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN MCKECHNIE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

A. MACKEAND.
WILLARD C. COPELAND. } *Auditors.*

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, seconded by M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, and

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer's Report be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

Your Grand Secretary herewith presents his eleventh Annual Report, in which he has endeavored to exhibit all transactions of his office as may be of interest to your officers and members, together with such suggestions and recommendations as he deems worthy of the attention of Grand Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS OF 1885.

On February 18th the contract for printing the Proceedings was awarded to Messrs. Walker & May, of this city, and in less than five weeks the pamphlets were mailed from this office. The work speaks for itself, as it presents a neat and workmanlike appearance, and commands the well deserved praise of our brethren at home and abroad.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

The two Lodges to which charters were granted at the last Annnal Communication were properly constituted and had their officers installed by deputies specially appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS TO NEW LODGES.

On June 16th, 1885, a dispensation for the formation of a new

lodge at Medicine Hat, was issued from this office by direction of the M. W. Grand Master.

Petitions for dispensations were also received from brethren at Fort Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., and Indian Head, N. W. T., but as the requirements of the Constitution had not been fully complied with, no action has yet been taken. The petitions referred to, together with all correspondence relative to same, are herewith submitted.

Grand Representatives.

The following changes in the corps of our Grand Representatives have occurred during the past year, viz. :—

On 30th September, 1885, a commission was issued by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, to R. W. Bro. W. H. Whyte, of Montreal, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, vice Bro. Alfred G. Issacson, left jurisdiction.

On September 30th, 1885, a commission was issued to R. W. Bro. George W. Van Leuvan, of Clear Spring, Iowa, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Iowa, vice Bro. W. J. Law, left jurisdiction.

On October 7th, 1885, a commission was issued to V. W. Bro. Abraham Marx, of Tuscan, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

On October 20th, 1885, a commission was issued to R. W. Bro. William Hardaker, of Camden, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

I have received letters acknowledging the receipt and acceptance of their commissions from each of the brethren named.

Commissions have been received at this office appointing the following named brethren representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :—

On February 25th, 1885, V. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, vice M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, resigned.

On March 31st, 1885, V. W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

On October 6th, 1885, M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, for the Grand Lodge of Canada, vice M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, deceased.

On October 12th, 1885, R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, of Brandon, for the Grand Lodge of Utah, vice R. W. Bro. J. J. Johnston, dimitted.

On November 6th, 1885, M. W. Bro. John Headly Bell, for the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

On November 17th, 1885, V. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

On 22nd January, 1886, R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vice M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, deceased.

On 1st February, 1886, R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of California, vice M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, deceased.

Historical Registers.

I have at considerable loss of time written up and sent to all the lodges outside the city the historical registers which this Grand Lodge ordered to be procured, and I trust the lodges may so keep them that, at any time, a complete statement of the progress of the lodge in the shortest possible time be forthcomig, if required. Should this object be attained I shall be sufficiently rewarded for my labors in this direction. I would recommend that District Deputy Grand Masters be requested to carefully examine these records on the occasion of their visitations and see that they are correctly kept.

Returns of Lodges.

On December 1st, 1885, I sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction two blanks for returns accompanied by a circular letter to secretaries, urging them to complete same and forward to this office not later than January 6th. I made this request in order that I might be enabled to close my books by January 15th, as required by the Constitution, and submit a complete statistical report to Grand Lodge.

Eleven lodges hereinafter mentioned kindly complied and promptly forwarded returns; eight were received between the 6th and 15th of January. Eleven lodges held back, and thus defeated all that was proposed.

I wrote the secretary of the several lodges that failed to report before January 6th, appealing to them to favor me with their returns at once, with the results as indicated below.

The following is the list of the lodges which made their returns as originally requested :—

Prince Rupert's No. 1, Ancient Landmark No. 3, Hiram No. 5, Gladstone No. 11, Stonewall No. 12, Kinistino No. 16, Saskatchewan No. 17, Brandon No. 19, Pequonga No. 22, Ionic No. 25, Glenwood No. 27.

Returns from the following lodges were received between the 6th and 15th January :—

Emerson No. 6, Northern Light No. 10, Lisgar No. 2, St. John's No. 4, Assiniboine No. 7, Prince of Wales No. 14, Pembina No. 20, Bow River No. 28.

The following were received after January 15th, greatly retarding the business of this office : --King Solomon No. 8, Oakland No. 9, Belmont No. 13, Corinthian No. 15, Marquette No. 21, Wascana No. 23, Neepawa No. 24, Moose Jaw No. 26, Carberry No. 29, Manitou No. 30, and Medicine Hat U. D.

The returns of Pequonga Lodge No. 22 were the first received at this office.

After sending three letters and two telegrams, I succeeded in getting the returns of Wascana Lodge No. 23 on February 8th, two days before the meeting of Grand Lodge

The returns of the following Lodges were found correct in every important particular :—Lisgar No. 2, Ancient Landmark No. 3, Emerson No. 6, Assiniboine No. 7, King Solomon No. 8, Gladstone No. 11, Belmont No. 13, Prince of Wales No. 14, Corinthian No. 15, Kinistino No. 16, Saskatchewan No. 17, Brandon No. 19, Pembina No. 20, Marquette No. 21, Pequonga No. 22, Neepawa No. 24, Moose Jaw No. 26, and Manitou No. 30.

The neatness and correctness of the following returns deserve special mention :—Ancient Landmark No. 3, Assiniboine No. 7, King Solomon No. 8, Gladstone No. 11, Belmont No. 13, Prince of Wales No. 14, Corinthian No. 15, Kinistino No. 16, Saskatchewan No. 17, Brandon No. 19, Pembina No. 20, Marquette No. 21, Pequonga No. 22, Neepawa No. 24, and Moose Jaw No. 26.

The returns of all the lodges in the jurisdiction, except that of Hiram No. 5, show a marked improvement on those of last year. This remark does not apply to Gladstone Lodge No. 11, or Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, on whose previous returns it would be impossible to improve.

Lodges failing to return Christian names in full :—St. John's No. 4, Hiram No. 5, Emerson No. 6, Assiniboine No. 7, Oakland No. 9, Stonewall No. 12, Wascana No. 23, Ionic No. 25, and Medicine Hat U. D.

Lodges whose returns are not alphabetical :—Hiram No. 5 and Oakland No. 9.

Returns without Seal :—Hiram No. 5, Saskatchewan No. 17, Carberry No. 29, and Manitou No. 30.

Lodges not returning Past Masters :—Stonewall No. 12, and Wascana No. 23.

Returns sent back for correction, or corrected by Grand Secretary :—St. John's No. 4, Wascana No. 23, Stonewall No. 12, Ionic No. 25, Bow River No. 28, Carberry No. 29.

All lodges have made returns except Al Mogreb Alaksa No. 18, Tangiers, Morocco. The last report received at this office bears date June 24th, 1884. I have written several letters during the past year to this lodge but have not been favored with an answer.

The following lodges have failed to remit the full amount of dues with their returns :—King Solomon No. 8, Saskatchewan No. 17, Pembina No. 20.

SUMMARY.

The following summary of the Returns of the various Lodges shows a satisfactory growth of our Order during the past year :

Total number Initiated	138
" " Passed	131
" " Raised	136
" " Joined	83
" " Re-instated	3
" " Dimitted	74
" " Rejected	25
" " Suspended, N. P. D.	42
" " Died	7
Number members last year	1237
Present membership	1350
Gain	113
Number of Chartered Lodges	30
" Lodges U. D	1
Chartered Lodges reporting largest membership, Ancient Landmark No. 3	107
Chartered Lodges reporting smallest number of members, King Solomon No. 8, & Oakland No. 9, each	16

Library.

I am happy to report that a number of select and valuable additions have been made to the Grand Lodge Library, as follows :

Mackey's Masonic Parliamentary Law, from W. Bro. C. N. Bell.

D. Murray Lyon's History of Free Masonry in Scotland, from Bro. J. A. Payne.

Mackey's Lexicon and A. F. M.'s Monitor, from M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest.

Chase's Digest, from R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott.

History of Free Masonry, from R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott.

Six volumes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, from W. Bro. J. K. Brydon. This gift is specially appreciated as so many of our brethren hail from that jurisdiction.

The following have been added by purchase :

Masonic Text Book.

Signs and Symbols.

History of the Crusades.

Egyptian Symbols.

Rebold's History of Free Masonry.

Mackey's Encyclopœdia of Free Masonry.

In addition to the above from W. Bro. C. N. Bell, a large num-

ber of Proceedings of the Supreme Council A. & A. S. R., of the Southern Jurisidiction of the United States.

I trust Grand Lodge will, at this session, make a liberal grant for library purposes.

Financial.

The total receipts of the year amount to $1394 44

Distributed as follows:

Balance from J. J. Johnston, Grand Treasurer, 1884	$ 8 69	
Arrears, 1884	138 80	
Initiations	135 00	
Foreign Affiliations	88 00	
Manitoba Affiliations	18 00	
Dues	607 00	
Certificates	266 00	
Life Membership Fees	25 00	
Constitutions	22 50	
Dispensations	26 00	
Historical Registers	4 00	
Charters	50 00	
Sundries	5 45	
		$1394 44

Orders issued on Grand Treasurer, distributed as follows:

Salaries	$720 00	
Special grant to J. H. Bell	100 00	
Expense	86 90	
Expense Guarantee Bond of Grand Secretary	15 00	
Printing and Advertising	237 25	
Postage	42 24	
Telegrams	28 20	
Books and Stationery	67 70	
Charters	30 00	
Relief	150 00	
Certificates	139 10	
Fixtures	1 25	
Rent	48 00	
Library	10 35	
		$1675 99

The liabilities of Grand Lodge amount to $100—being Grand Secretary's salary for quarter ending 12th instant.

I take pleasure in reporting to Grand Lodge that a liberal reduction in the rates of fare to our members in attendance at this

session of Grand Lodge has been granted by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company, respectively, and I would respectfully recommend that the courtesies be acknowledged by appropriate resolutions.

Conclusion.

Before closing my report I wish to take this the first opportunity of conveying to the Masons of this jurisdiction my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the magnificent silver service which they presented to me on the occasion of my marriage. I can assure you, brethren, that it is appreciated not only on account of its beauty and costliness, but for the kindly and generous feelings which prompted its bestowal. The present is made doubly strong by ties of friendship heretofore existing between many members of this Grand Lodge and myself, a friendship not alone formed within the closed doors of the lodge room, but in the open walks of life.

I herewith submit for inspection the various account books and registers of this office, the vouchers for the orders drawn on the Treasurer, the files of letters, etc.

Fraternally submitted,

Wm. G. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

Moved by R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, seconded by V. W. Bro. D. Hope, and

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

The Board of General Purposes herewith submit their annual report.

Seven meetings have been held, at which the usual routine business was transacted. At the first meeting R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson was elected Vice President.

The Grand Treasurer has not yet filed his Guarantee Bonds with your Board, but this is entirely owing to the delay occasioned by the agent of the Guarantee Company here, and not in any way due to negligence on the part of the Grand Treasurer.

In accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting held 18th February, 1885, it was resolved that the Grand Lodge be asked to defray the expenses of members attending the regular meetings of the Board. We would now ask your careful consideration of the subject.

Upon receipt of the sad intelligence of the death of our beloved brother, W. N. Kennedy, P. G. M., whilst on his way home from Egypt, where he had been assisting in fighting the battles of our mother country, your Board passed the following resoultion:

"That R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, M. W. Bros. George Black and Rev. Canon Matheson, R.W. Bros. J.W. H. Wilson and Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, and V. W. Bro. Thos. Robinson, be a committee to arrange for the engrossing and presentation of an address of condolence to the family of our late brother."

In the matter of past masters' and life members' certificates, your Board beg to report that, on the several occasions that the matter was discussed, it was deemed advisable, owing to the limited number of members present, to defer the matter until a later period, and, no doubt, action will be taken at the next meeting.

The manuscript copy of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was examined by the Board, previous to publication, and we think that you will all agree with us when we say that under the careful hands of our Grand Secretary the style of our proceedings has never been equalled by this Grand Lodge.

The term of office of the following members expires at this session:—R. W. Bros. Thos. Clark, Wm. G. Scott, J. W. H. Wilson and W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray, and

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented and read the following report from the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodges of New South Wales:

REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE NEAR NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY, 16th July, 1885.

It is very pleasing to report that we are progressing favorably both as regards the number of lodges and members, and also the number of Grand Lodges by which we are being recognized.

In the first place I have to report the opening of ten new lodges since June, 1884, making our number now 43, and the total number of members belonging to the same, 2,500, and another new lodge will be opened by us in the course of a very few days.

That we are recognized as a legally constituted Grand Lodge by 38 Grand Lodges in various parts of the world, is also a fact very pleasing to chronicle and gratifying to ourselves, and when we consider that we have been struggling and are still continuing to struggle against the strain, and with very great opposition against us, I think we may take the unction to our souls and say we have done well.

Besides the 43 lodges above mentioned, we have still one Royal Arch and Mark Chapter, one Rose Croix Chapter, and one Priory of the Temple, in which degrees, although I have no progress to report, I yet have no retrogression to mention.

During the past year a very pleasant and gratifying event occurred, which was the conferring of the honor of Honorary P. D. G. M. on Bro. Dr. Burne, for his very eminent services to our Grand Lodge.

And now in respect to our funds I have to note that they are also increasing in proportion to the increase of our individual lodges and members. In the general fund we have a balance of about £1,000. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund amounts to nearly £2,000, and the Benevolent Fund, on which we have a great many calls, £600.

In respect to the status of our members, I must say that, with very few exceptions, we have really good Masons, men against whom nothing can be said, and of whom I can say nothing better than that they are truly Masons at heart.

Of the few exceptions to this rule, I can only say that it is a very difficult matter to keep out entirely those who are unworthy, as it is a well known fact that some black sheep will creep into almost every flock, or as Shakespeare says:—"Where is the breast whereinto sometimes foul thoughts will not enter?" However, we do our best by enquiring into the character of every candidate for admission into our folds, and endeavor to admit none who has not already some good deeds (Masonically speaking) recorded by those who know them, and whose character will not bear the strictest investigation.

Owing to great pressure of work our Grand Secretary has not yet been able to furnish me with a complete balance sheet, but I expect before the mail leaves to be in a position to forward the same, which, I trust, will show a very great improvement in our financial matters.

The first meeting of a lodge under the N S. W. Constitution took place on the 3rd December, 1877, when eight Scotch and four Irish lodges had given up their charters to their respective District Grand Lodges, and formed what was then the new Constitution. The Grand Lodge was formed of the following officers:—

M. W. G. M.	Hon. Bro. J. S. Farnell.
R. W. D. G. M.	Bro. A. W. Manning, M. P.
P. D. G. M.	" W. Booth.
S. G. W.	" J. S. Butchart.
J. G. W.	" U. W. Carpenter.
G. Chaplain	Rev. Bro. G. F. Garnsey.
G. Treasurer	Bro. J. Starkey.
G. Registrar	" R. Chandler.
President of Board of G. P.	" R. V. Gale.
G Secretary	" N. Weekes.
W. G. S. Deacon	" J. Slade.
Inspector of Works	" E. Gjedsted.
Director of Ceremonies	" J. McNeilly.
Assistant Director of Ceremonies	" A. Tornaghi.
Sword Bearer	" W. Beer.
Organist	" A. Reed.
Pursuivant	" R. Young.
Tyler	" W. H. Carrick.

In opposition to this the majority of the lodges in the colony decided to refuse admission to any member of the twelve lodges thus united, and they went so far as to deny the same privilege to brothers who should visit them or attend their meetings. Notwithstanding this the new body began to increase, and in September, 1878, there were 13 lodges, one chapter, and one priory, working under warrants held from them, and in January, 1879, another lodge was opened by them. During the whole of this time the brethren who were prohibited from visiting held aloof, but as soon as a new hall was built there was a continuous flow of these brethren coming to view the premises, and each

and every one of them went away astonished with the grandeur and civility, aye, Masonic greeting which they beheld and received.

"The Australian Freemason," the organ of the E. I. & S. C's., continually published notices of the new Grand Lodge, in which they were entitled, "Grand Nonsense of N. S. W.," and the proceedings were called Schismatical, yet the new body continued to grow and increase very steadily. Under its auspices a grand ball was held on St John's day, 1879, in the exhibition building, which was honored by the presence of the Lieutenant-Governor and suite, and also the Mayor and Mayoress, and at the end of the Masonic year nineteen lodges held sway. They were likened in the "Masonic Eclectic" for August, 1879, to the *Seceders in Manitoba*, and advised to go home again as they had done. However, in the next year, 1880, they numbered twenty-two lodges.

In April, 1880, Bro Hunt, W. G. S. D., proposed "That a conference be held to endeavor to adjust the differences," thus holding out the right hand of friendship, which was refused; and on the 14th of the same month the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. In this month also the Masonic Hall Co. floated 20,000 shares at £1 per share.

In the next year, 1881, they became still more recognized, having been acknowledged by Columbia, Washington Territory; British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nebraska, New Mexico, Iowa and Kansas. At the end of this year twenty-six lodges held sway under their jurisdiction, the majority of which subscribe the sum of £22 annually to the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary. On the 9th November of this year, the anniversary of the natal day of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the foundation stone of the new hall was laid, and in the evening the event was celebrated by a ball at which about 500 persons were present. In 1882 Dr. A. Burne was elected J. G. W., during which year the G. L's. of Alabama and Maine recognized them. In June, 1883, there were thirty-one lodges working under their jurisdiction, and at present I believe their number is forty-two, exclusive of the two R. A. Chapters, one Priory and one R. C. Chapter.

Bro. Henry, P. M. of Ionic Lodge, said on his election that "Ritualistic knowledge is the least part of Masonry;" and further on he said, "The man whom I should esteem the best Mason is he who has cultivated the broadest sympathy, and who exhibits on all occasions a spontaneous charity. I do not believe that any more powerful humanizing agent was ever instituted."

Bro. Dr. Harman Farrant, P. G. S. W. and G. Representative of the G. L. of New Mexico, in a speech at the Keanid Smaritan Lodge No. 12, N. S. W. C., said:—"To be good and true are among the essential teachings of Masonry, she (Masonry) stands upon a platform broad enough for the whole world to stand upon if it only would. She seeks no converts, nor measures the applicants by their exterior; her aim and object are to make men better, purer and nobler.

Thus you will see that there has been quite an up-hill struggle for this Con

stitution to hold its own, but I am pleased to say that she is constantly making headway, and I verily believe will eventually be victorious. Furthermore, I am very pleased to affirm that the individual members of these 42 lodges appear to me to be more united both in and out of lodge than the members of the other Constitution.

In conclusion, I can only say that I hope the day will soon dawn when New South Wales will have but one Grand Lodge, and that the one that at present exists.

A. BURNE.
Grand Representative.

Ordered that the report of the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, be published with the Proceedings of this Communication.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson presented and read the following :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVISE AND AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. &. A.M.

Your Committee beg to report that they have given the matter their most careful and earnest consideration, and have examined the Constitutions of a number of our sister Grand Bodies, and they have come to the conclusion that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is one that it would be wise and beneficial to follow ; and that this Grand Lodge would find it suitable to their circumstances, with very few alterations.

Your Committee have adopted it as the groundwork, and made the alterations in their opinion necessary, and herewith submit a draft of a Constitution which they recommend should be adopted by this Grand Lodge in lieu of the present one, at its next Regular Communication.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Constitution be received, and the Committee continued.

V.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell presented and read the following report:

REPORT OF TESTIMONIAL COMMITTEE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F & A. M.

Your Committee appointed to procure a testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, and have submitted the account for same to the Board of General Purposes.

WM. G. BELL,
Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, seconded by R W. Bro. D. B. Murray, and

Resolved, That the report of the Testimonial Committee be received and adopted.

CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by V. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, and

Resolved, That clause 7 of Constitution under the heading "Of Proposing Members," be amended by striking out "or admitted a" in first line; also "member of" in second line; and the word "admitted" in last line, and insert the word "initiated" in lieu thereof.

The clause as amended to read as follows:

No person shall be made a Mason in a lodge if on the ballot two black balls appear against him. Some lodges wish for no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present. The by-laws of each lodge must therefore guide it in this respect; but if there be two black balls, such person cannot on any pretence be initiated.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, and

Resolved, That that portion of the Constitution which refers to the fees to be charged for Masons joining from another lodge in this jurisdiction, and of Masons joining from other jurisdictions, be expunged.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, (on behalf of R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay), seconded by W. Bro. E. N. Brown,

That the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "third" in clause 37, page 40, under "Private Lodges," and substituting therefor the word "first."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

DRAFT OF NEW CONSTITUTION TO BE PRINTED.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, and

Resolved, That the draft of the proposed Constitution as submitted by the Constitution Committee be printed, and three copies sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction, and one copy to each member of Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION TO M. W. BRO. JOHN H. BELL.

The M. W. the Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented to M. W. Bro. John H. Bell a gold jewel, with appropriate inscriptions and devices handsomely engraved. The following address, which was beautifully engrossed, accompanied the presentation :—

Most Worshipful Bro. J. H. Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba :

We, the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the meeting of the Grand Lodge to express our deep appreciation of the valuable services which you have rendered to our Grand Lodge during your five years' term of office. We feel that the craft in general, owe you a lasting debt of gratitude for the zeal and interest which you have always displayed in its welfare ; and that members of the Order in coming generations will recognize the sure foundation stones which you placed under the Masonic temple in this jurisdiction. The numerous lodges which were constituted under your regime are a convincing proof of the progress and strides made in this new land by Masonry under your fostering care. The brethren recall with pleasure that no less than 20 lodges received their warrants from you, and upwards of 886 members were initiated into our Order while you occupied the distinguished chair in the Great East. Your well maintained Masonic enthusiasm served as a beacon light to animate many brethren who are now themselves bright lights in the Order. We beg you to accept the accompanying jewel as a slight token of our recognition of the great good rendered by you in the cause of Masonry, and we pray the Great Architect of the Universe that you may be spared for many years to enjoy the esteem and confidence of your brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

W. G. BELL,
J. Y. CAIN,
H. J. RAYMER,
THOS. ROBINSON.
Committee.

M. W. Bro. Bell made a suitable reply.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow he would move the usual money grants for expenses attending the present session of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow he would move that a grant be made in aid of the Grand Lodge Library.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place immediately after the opening of the afternoon session of Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet again on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 11 o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 11th February, 1886.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11 a. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

CREDENTIALS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following credentials of representatives of sister Grand Lodges were presented and accepted by the Grand Lodge, and

the Representatives saluted with the customary Grand Honors viz :—

M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, for the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, for the Graud Lodge of Canada.
R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, for the Grand Lodge of California.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, for the Grand Lodge of Ohio.
R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.
R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, for the Grand Lodge of Utah.
V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.
V. W. Bro. J. Y. Cain, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona.
V. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
W. Bro. Alex. Nicol, for the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The Grand Secretary read letters from R. W. Bro. D. G. Dick, D. D. G. M. of Emerson or No. 2 District, and R. W. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, expressing regret at their inability to attend the present session of Grand Lodge.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report :—

The Board of General Purposes unite with the M. W. the Grand Master in returning thanks to the G. A. O. T. U. that we are again permitted to assemble around our beloved Masonic Altar, and in the prayer that our Heavenly Father may long continue this favor ; and that we may for many years meet in Friendship, Love and Truth. We trust that we approach the performance of our important duties, grateful for the mercies and blessings of the year just ending, and with the earnest determination, under the guidance of the great I Am, to deal with the matters that may be brought before us in accordance with the constituted rules and regulations of the Order, and with equity and justice.

Your Board recognize the fact that it was not possible for the M. W. the Grand Master to visit the Lodges in the jurisdiction, and to give the attention he desired to Grand Lodge business, for reasons that he could not control ; but we are pleased to know that the duties attaching to his high office were promptly and efficiently performed, in his absence, by R. W. the D. G. M., and that the interests of this Grand Lodge did not suffer.

The Board join very sincerely in the Grand Master's expression of condolence at the loss of our very much loved M. W. Brother W. N. Kennedy. Upon receipt of the sad news of his death, this Board, acting for and on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented to the widow of our late M. W. Brother an address, which we believe will meet with the approval and endorsation of Grand Lodge, It was as follows :—

To Mrs. W. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg, Man.

Dear and Respected Madam,—The Board of General Purposes, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M., desire to express the very deep regret with which they have heard of the death of your husband—their respected and beloved brother, and Senior Past Grand Master. During the many years of his connection with our Order he had won for himself the highest esteem and warmest affection of every Free Mason in the jurisdiction.

Those of us who can look back to the infancy of Free Masonry in this country, well remember with what unflagging zeal and untiring energy our late brother devoted himself to laying the foundations of the craft in this new land. And when those foundations were securely laid, still his interest in no degree abated, but ever continued as keen and full of energy as that of the very youngest Mason among us.

During all his intercourse with the members of our Order, our dear brother displayed a kindliness of disposition. a cordiality of manner, and a sincerity of feeling which made him the personal friend of every Mason whom he met. To all who knew him, he was the lively embodiement of true Masonic charity.

In the midst of our sense of loss and bereavement it is a source of comfort to us to know that our brother met his death as every true Mason desires to do—in the path of duty—and that, e'er he died, he had earned the grateful thanks of his Queen and nation for his valuable services and his unflinching devotion in his country's cause.

We are further comforted by the assurance that during all his life he had faithfully and consistently served the King of kings, and that he has received that crown of everlasting joy which awaits every true hearted Mason in the Grand Lodge above.

We respectfully tender to you this expression of the deep and heartfelt sympathy for you and your family in this your great affliction, by every member of our Order.

The Board notice the kind and complimentary remarks of the Grand Master regarding M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell and R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, and feel that they were well deserved.

We notice that a dispensation has been granted for a new lodge at Medicine Hat, and trust that a warrant will be issued at the present session of Grand Lodge.

Your Board, as a general rule, disapprove of the practice of granting dispensations for initiating candidates under 21 years of age, but feel that, if practicable under any circumstances, it would be in the present case, when it was intended as a mark of respect and an evidence of appreciation of the character and services of our P. G. M., M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell.

In granting or refusing other dispensations, your Board are of opinion that the M. W. the Grand Master, having in view the circumstances of the respective cases, acted in his judgment in accordance with the Constitution, and the best interests of Masonry.

We observe the changes in the list of Representatives to and from this Grand Lodge, and beg to express our approval of same.

We are pleased to learn that Oakland Lodge has again its warrant and that it is prospering.

Your Board deprecate and deplore the circumstances in the history of the Northwest, which necessitated the prolonged absence of our Grand Master from the jurisdiction, and sympathize with him in the inconvenience, hardship, and business interruptions, that he thereby was made to suffer.

Your Board would also desire to place on record its gratification at the honorable representation of our fraternity in the strength of the force, which rendered such eminent services in the suppression of the unfortunate rebellion, and to heartily congratulate our M. W. Bro. the Grand Master, in his well merited promotion in the volunteer army of Canada.

We have also to deplore the loss in such service of several excellent brethren. Into the grave we have consigned the bodies of our deceased brethren, there to remain till the trump shall sound on the Resurrection Morn. "We can cheerfully leave them in the hands of a Being who has done all things well, who is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. May these instances of mortality remind us of our own approaching fate, and

by drawing our attention to the Author and Giver of all mercy—the only refuge in time of need, induce us so to regulate our conduct here that when the awful moment shall arrive, at which we must quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of that mercy may dispel the gloom of death ; and that after our departure hence in peace we may be received into His everlasting kingdom, and there join in union with our friends and enjoy that uninterrupted and unceasing felicity which is alloted to souls of just men made perfect."

ALFRED PEARSON,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

REPORT ON APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report :—

Your Board have examined the petition for a dispensation to form a lodge, from brethren at Indian Head. We much regret that the petitioners have not complied with the provisions of the constitution in the matter of sending certificates of standing with petition. We therefore cannot recommend the immediate granting of the prayer of the petition, but so soon as they fully comply with all the requirements of the constitution would recommend that a dispensation be issued.

Your Board have also to make the same recommendation regarding the petition from brethren at Fort Qu'Appelle. In this case they send, in two or three instances, instead of dimits or certificates of standing, certificates from the Grand Lodge under which these brethren received their degrees. The petitioners, we are sure, can readily see that under no circumstances can Grand Lodge certificates be accepted in lieu of the others, as all brethren have these G. Lodge certificates whether in good standing or not.

We have examined the minute book of Medicine Hat Lodge U. D., and find that on January 5th, 1886, a resolution was passed

in which they express a desire to work another year under dispensation. We would therefore recommend compliance with their request. Your Board would also ask the Grand Secretary to point out to them the necessity of keeping their records strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on applications for dispensations be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:—

The Board, to whom was referred the Financial Statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, respectfully submit the following:

We have carefully examined the books and vouchers, and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer's bank book shows the balance on hand as per statements. The vouchers are all in order, and the statement has been very carefully prepared.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:—

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry:

Reports have been received from the D. D. G. M's representing the following Districts:

Winnipeg District No. 1, Willard C. Copeland, D. D. G. M.
Emerson District No. 2, D. G. Dick, D. D. G. M.
Portage la Prairie District No. 3, R. McCuaig, D. D. G. M.
Minnedosa District No. 4, S. R. Cornell, D. D. G. M.
Brandon District No. 5, John Dickson, D. D. G. M.
Alberta District No. 6, N. J. Lindsay, D. D. G. M.

As regards District No. 2, we are sorry to say no detailed report has been received, but this is attributable to the fact that W. Bro. D. G. Dick has been ill, and thus incapacitated from attending to the Masonic duties incident to his office.

We have much pleasure in reporting that notwithstanding the unsettled state of the country consequent on the late rebellion, the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction is very satisfactory—that Masonry is steadily progressing and keeping pace with the advancement in material prosperity made by this Province—that the beneficial effect of our glorious Order asserts itself in the formation of new lodges and addition of new members, and that the Masters of the various lodges cultivate a high standard in the working, as well as in the rendering of the ritual, as in the keeping of the books of their respective lodges.

Your Board observe with pleasure that the D. D. G. M.'s endeavor to visit the various lodges in their respective districts as often as they can. This course cannot be too highly commended, and your Board would recommend that in future every D. D. G. M. will consider it a matter of paramount duty in the interests of Masonry and a trust incident to his appointment, to visit at least once during his term of office every lodge in his district. Such a

course will, we think, tend materially to give encouragement to and create a confidence and good will among the members of the fraternity. As in some districts the lodges are situate far apart, your Board would recommend, as has before been done, that the lodges should assume the expense, in this manner relieving as much as possible the D. D. G. M. from the personal inconvenience and expense connected with their offices.

Your Board find that new lodges have been established in the districts of Brandon and Alberta, showing that Masonry is keeping abreast of the march of civilization and progress in this great land.

Your Board note with especial pleasure the flourishing condition of the Winnipeg Benevolent Board of Relief, affording a tangible expression and practical recognition of the principle of Masonic charity by the brethren in the city of Winnipeg.

Your Board note also a pleasing innovation in the ordinary lodge meetings, introduced by the members of Northern Light Lodge No. 10. The practice of having social and literary entertainments are strongly to be commended, as tending to make the brethren better known to each other, and affording an opportunity of exchanging kindly courtesies.

Your Board also note with pleasure that a Masonic Hall has been erected by Lisgar Lodge of Selkirk, and we congratulate the brethren of that Lodge on their Masonic zeal.

The Board joins in the hope expressed by the D. D. G. M. of Minnedosa that new lodges will be formed in his district as soon as the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Company extend their line and open up the country; also that Corinthian Lodge No. 15 will soon recover from its temporary financial difficulties, arising from the effects of the late boom.

Your Board regret to learn of the untimely death of Bro. A. L. McMillan, of Brandon Lodge No. 19, and beg to extend their fraternal sympathy with the members of that Lodge in losing so excellent a Mason.

Your Board would recommend that the committee appointed to revise the Constitution be instructed to take into consideration

a reconstruction of the various districts in this jurisdiction, so as to bring the lodges in any district within easy visiting distance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V. W. Bro. A. Mackeand, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

Your Board, to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's report, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report thereon as follows:

PROCEEDINGS.—The actions of Grand Lodge should always be known to subordinate lodges at the earliest moment, and full record of Proceedings promptly placed in the hands of the craft. Your Board are therefore pleased to notice the expedition shown by our Grand Secretary in distributing the Proceedings so shortly after the close of our last communication.

HISTORICAL REGISTERS.—Your Board are pleased to place upon record their appreciation of the zeal of the Grand Secretary in the matter of the Historical Registers, and join him in the hope that lodges may continue the work; and your Board would strongly impress upon D. D. G. M's its importance.

RETURNS.—The complaint of the Grand Secretary under this heading is not without cause, and is well founded. Masters and Secretaries of lodges named should take notice and see that the next annual report places their names on the roll of honor. Your Board is of opinion that a laudable and truly Masonic rivalry should exist between lodges in their endeavor to carry out most fully the requirements of the Constitution.

PROGRESS OF MASONRY.—Your Board beg to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the satisfactory growth of the membership, as shown in the report of the Grand Secretary, and doubt not that the increasing prosperity of the country will have its corresponding beneficial effect upon the Order.

LIBRARY.—Your Board are pleased to note the progress of the Masonic Library, and congratulate the brethren upon the acquirement of so many valuable works ; and respectfully suggest that the thanks of Grand Lodge are due to those brethren who have contributed books and money for this purpose. They also suggest the appropriation of $100 for library purposes. Your Board regret the departure from this jurisdiction of W. Bro. C. N. Bell, the associate librarian, to whom Grand Lodge is much indebted for zeal and energy in the interests of the library, as well as for valuable contributions.

Your Board congratulate the Grand Lodge on the condition of its finances, and the handsome balance at its credit.

Your Board recommend votes of thanks to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and the Manitoba & North Western Railway Co., respectively, for the kind and liberal reduction in the rates of fare to members attending Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. Mackeand, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Secretary's report be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:40 p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, on behalf of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following supplementary report:

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies beg to report that at the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge there are 30 lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, represented as follows:—Twenty-two by their duly qualified officers, three by proxies, and five are unrepresented.

The total number of votes entitled to be cast at this Annual Communication is 128.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. McCUAIG,
J. K. BRYDON,
P. McGREGOR,
D. HOPE,
Committee.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by V. W. Bro. D. Hope, and

Resolved, That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of Lodges be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz.:—R. W. Bros. E. G. Conklin, Thomas Clark and W. Bro. Van Ettan.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Winnipeg, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, Brandon, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Warden.

W. Bro. John Kerr Brydon, Rat Portage, Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, Winnipeg, Grand Chaplain.

V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

V. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy, Winnipeg—No. 1 or Winnipeg District.

W. Bro. Christopher F. Collins, Nelson—No. 2 or Emerson District.

V. W. Bro. P. St. Clair McGregor, Gladstone—No. 3 or Portage la Prairie District.

W. Bro. Edwin Oliver Dennison, Minnedosa—No. 4 or Minnedosa District.

V. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Souris—No. 5 or Brandon District.

V. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, Regina—No. 6 or Alberta District.

R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, Tangier—No. 7 or Morocco District.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Winnipeg.

Subsequently the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz.:

R. W. Bro. J. H. Kenning, Winnipeg.

V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, to fill the unexpired term of W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, elected Grand Junior Warden.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

REPORT ON THE FORMATION OF A GENERAL BENEVOLENT BOARD.

R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report :

The Board of General Purposes having taken into consideration the formation of a General Benevolent Board for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as recommended at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, beg to report as follows :

That in their opinion the formation of a general Benevolent Board for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with Local Boards of Relief in the different localities, would be conducive to the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and your Board would recommend that this M. W. Grand Lodge would appoint a special committee to devise and draft a suitable scheme, and submit a report to the next annual communication of Grand Lodge, so that the Grand Lodge may be in a position to intelligently discuss the matter.

Your Board have also had under consideration the question of the formation and establishment of an institution for the benefit of widows and orphans of deceased Masons, as such an institution would be beneficial to the craft and this Grand Lodge ; and would also recommend that the same committee take this into consideration.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by V. W. Bro. D. Hope, and

Resolved, That the Report of Board of General Purposes relative to the formation of General Benevolent Board, be received and adopted, and that a committee be appointed to prepare and submit a report on same at the next Annual Communication.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT BOARD.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, seconded by W. Bro. Thomas A. Cuddy, and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed consisting of M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, R. W. Bros. A. Pearson, W. C. Copeland, Wm. G. Scott, Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, V. W. Bro. D. Hope, and W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, to take into consideration the question of the formation of a General Board of Benevolence.

THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Companies for the courtesies extended in grantiug reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the several companies named.

REMUNERATION TO GRAND TYLER AND ASSISTANT.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, seconded by V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Dollars be paid the Grand Tyler for his services, and that W. Bro. Joseph Hursell be paid Five Dollars for his services as assistant to the Grand Tyler.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. R. W. A. Rolph, seconded by V. W. Bro. D. Hope, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment it was moved by V. W. Bro. A. Mackeand, se-

conded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by V. W. Bro. P. S. McGregor, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. Nicol, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the Town of Minnedosa.

The amendment to the amendment and the amendment were severally put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

GRANT IN AID OF LIBRARY.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Secretary for library purposes.

In amendment it was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson, That the sum of Fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Secretary for library purposes.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE PRINTED.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed under the supervision of the Board of General Purposes, not less than seven hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

LIBRARY.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, and

Resolved, That R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, be Librarian for the ensuing year.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, and

Resolved, That W. Bros. D. J. Goggin, Thomas Robinson and J. S. Hough be a committee to assist the Librarian for the ensuing year.

THANKS TO WINNIPEG LODGES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, for the use of their regalia at the present session of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. John Montgomery, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the various Lodges of the city of Winnipeg for their kindness in placing their hall at the disposal of Grand Lodge for holding their session.

It was moved W. Bro. R. T. Colton, seconded by Bro. W. J. Hemenway, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the several city lodges for the sumptuous banquet tendered to the brethren from lodges outside the city, and for the many kindnesses extended to them during their stay in the city.

GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. H. Van Ettan, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, and

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to procure a set of regalia for the M. W. Grand Master.

CERTIFICATES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to procure a new form of Master Masons' Certificates, and to adopt forms of Past Masters' and Life Members' Certificates for this jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:45 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, assisted by M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. Grand Master notified the Grand Lodge of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, when the brethren named were duly installed and invested, as follows:

V. W. Bro. D. Hope, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " James Greig, Selkirk, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Joseph Tees, Manitou, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " John Leslie, Winnipeg, Grand Sword Bearer.
" " Alex. L. Young, Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
" " John T. Colton, Moose Jaw, Grand Pursuivant.
" " Eugene N. Brown, Calgary, Grand Steward.
" " Thomas A. Cuddy, Minnedosa, " "
" " Thomas H. York, Nelson, " "
" " James C. Stoyte, Souris, " "
" " W. J. McAdam, Carberry, " "
" " A. W. R. Markley, Prince Albert " "
" " Richard Dickson, Selkirk, " "
" " Frank D. Stewart, Carman, " "

SYMPATHY.

The Grand Secretary read numerous letters from sister Grand Lodges expressive of their sympathy for us in the great loss we have sustained in the death of our P. G. M., Hon. W. N. Kennedy.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. C. F. FORREST.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, and

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master do appoint a committee to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, P. G. M.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following committees:

Foreign Correspondence—R. W. Bros. Wm. G. Scott, J. W. H. Wilson and V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

To procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest—R. W. Bros. John McKechnie, Wm. G. Scott, V. W. Bro. J. Y. Cain and W. Bro. J. S. Hough.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

1. By R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson—That the revised Constitution as submitted by the Committee on Constitution, be adopted in the place and stead of the present Constitution, which is hereby repealed.

2. By R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon—That the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba shall only comprise brethren who have been duly installed as W. Masters in Lodges holding warrants under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that brethren who have been duly registered as members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, previous to the adoption of this resolution, shall not be interfered with.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended it was closed at 9:30 o'clock p. m. in AMPLE FORM.

ALFRED PEARSON,
Grand Master.

Wm. G. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges—December, 1885.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Time of Regular Meeting.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Re-instated.	Dimitted	Rejected	Suspended N P D	Suspended U M C	Died.	No. members last year.	Present Membership.
1	Prince Rupert's*	Third Tuesday in each month	2	3	4	8	1	3	2	1		2	86	93
2	Lisgar*	First Monday in each month	4	4	5			2	3			1	55	57
3	Ancient Landmark*	Second Monday in each month	16	18	17	8		9	2	10			107	113
4	St. John's	First Wednesday in each month	6	7	9	8			1	5			95	107
5	Hiram	Friday on or before full moon	6	5	2							1	47	48
6	Emerson	Thursday on or before full moon	10	9	8	4		2	3	7			44	47
7	Assiniboine	Wednesday on or before full moon						2					38	36
8	King Solomon	Tuesday on or before full moon								4			20	16
9	Oakland	Tuesday on or before full moon	7	7	7	9								16
10	Northern Light	Last Wednesday in each month				5		9		5			65	56
11	Gladstone	Tuesday on or before full moon	1	1	1		1	3	3	1			44	42
12	Stonewall	Tuesday on or before full moon	7	4	3	1		2					33	35
13	Belmont	Thursday on or before full moon	6	7	7	3	1	2	2	2			37	44
14	Prince of Wales	Friday on or before full moon	1	1	1	2		4		3			42	38
15	Corinthian	First Tuesday in each month	4	4	5			6	1				35	34
16	Kinistino	Thursday on or before full moon	4	2	2	1		4				1	48	46
17	Saskatchewan	Monday on or before full moon	2	1	1	3		2				1	35	36
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Thursday after full moon											29	43
19	Brandon	Tuesday on or before full moon	11	12	12			3	1			1	54	62
20	Pembina	Wednesday on or before full moon	3	4	4	1		4		2			33	32
21	Marquette	Second Thursday in each month	3	5	4	1		3	1				30	32
22	Pequonga	Wednesday on or before full moon	14	11	7	1		3	3				50	55
23	Wascana	First Tuesday of each month	7	7	8	4		1					28	39
24	Neepawa	Wednesday on or before full moon						1					19	18
25	Ionic	First Friday in each month	7	8	10	2		3		2			54	61
26	Moose Jaw	Second Tuesday in each month	2	2	2	3		5					29	29
27	Glenwood	Friday on or before full moon	2	1	3								14	17
28	Bow River	Monday on or before full moon	3		4	3			2				37	44
29	Carberry	Tuesday on or before full moon	6	6	6	3		1					10	18
30	Manitou	Friday on or before full moon	1	1	4	1							19	24
U.D	Medicine Hat	First Tuesday in each month	3	1		12			1					12
	*The three Lodges that constituted Grand Lodge in 1875.		138	131	136	83	3	74	25	42		7	1237	1350

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Post Office.	County.	W. Master.	Secretary.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	John J. Jackson	Thomas W. Leggo.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Richard Dickson	Charles H. Strutt.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	J. P. Anderson	Joseph Cornell.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	A. L. Young	James H. Braden.
5	Hiram	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Chas. A. Sadleir	Norman Matheson.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	W. W. Ireland	William Mills.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Thomas Collins	Walter Millar.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	R. F. McTavish	Ed. M. Maley.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	S. T. Carr	R. P. Roblin.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	J. S. Hough	Fred. B. Ross.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	John Mason	John Chambers.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar	John Montgomery	A. B. Maiers.
13	Belmont	Nelson	Dufferin	Thomas H. York	Henry S. Lemon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Thomas A. Cuddy	F. W. Montgomery.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Wm. E. Cowan	John W. Douglas.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan		A. W. R. Markley	R. B. Way.
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Alberta		Donald Ross	Richard Secord.
18	Al Mogreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco, Africa		Manuel J. Novella	Pichard E.H. Martin.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	F. W. Peters	
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound	Rock Lake	Thomas Bellamy	J. M. Fraser.
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	R. C. Brown	Charles D. Bell.
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Ont		D. T. Ferguson	A. Carmichael.
23	Wascana	Regina, Assiniboia		Percy R. Neale	Wm. D. Firstbrook.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	George Brownell	Alfred M. Dalton.
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	James H. Kenning	R. I. Jones.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia		S. J. Taylor	William Goodwin.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Norfolk	James C. Stoyte	John B. Roberts.
28	Bow River	Calgary, Alberta		James Brogden	E. R. Rogers.
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Wm. J. McAdam	William Dickie.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Joseph Tees	Wm. F. Ellis.
U.D	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	Assiniboia	Thomas McPherson	James P. Mitchell.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

No. 1.—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy. *Winnipeg.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's.....Winnipeg.
" 2—Lisgar .....Selkirk.
" 3—Ancient Landmark.....Winnipeg.
" 4—St. John's .....Winnipeg.
" 5—Hiram .....Kildonan.
" 10—Northern Light.....Winnipeg.
" 12—Stonewall .....Stonewall.
" 22—Pequonga.....Rat Portage, Ont.
" 25—Ionic.....Winnipeg.

No. 2.—EMERSON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. C. F. Collins, *Nelson.*

No. 6—Emerson.....Emerson.
" 8—King Solomon.....Morris.
" 9—Oakland.....Carman.
" 13—Belmont .....Nelson.
" 20—Pembina.....Pilot Mound.
" 30—Manitou .....Manitou.

NO. 3.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. P. S. McGregor, *Gladstone.*

No. 7—Assiniboine.....Portage la Prairie.
" 10—Gladstone .....Gladstone.
" 21—Marquette .....Portage la Prairie.
" 24—Neepawa .....Neepawa.

NO. 4.—MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. E. O. Dennison, *Minnedosa.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales .....Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian.....Rapid City.

No. 5.—BRANDON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. JAMES A. OVAS, *Souris.*

No. 19—Brandon .....Brandon.
" 27—Glenwood.....Souris.
" 29—Carberry.....Carberry.

No. 6.—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, *Regina, Assiniboia.*

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.
" 17—Saskatchewan ..... Edmonton, Alberta.
" 24—Wascana ..... Regina, Assiniboia.
" 26—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
" 28—Bow River ..... Calgary, Alberta.
U. D.—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat, Assiniboia.

No. 7.—MOROCCO DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Levi Cohen, *Tangier, Morocco.*

No. 18.—Al Moghreb Al Aksa ..... Tangier, Morocco.

RECAPITULATION.

No. 1—Winnipeg District	9
" 2—Emerson District	6
" 3—Portage la Prairie District	4
" 4—Minnedosa District	2
" 5—Brandon District	3
" 7—Alberta District	6
" 7—Morocco District	1
Total	31

DEATHS 6—5 LODGES.

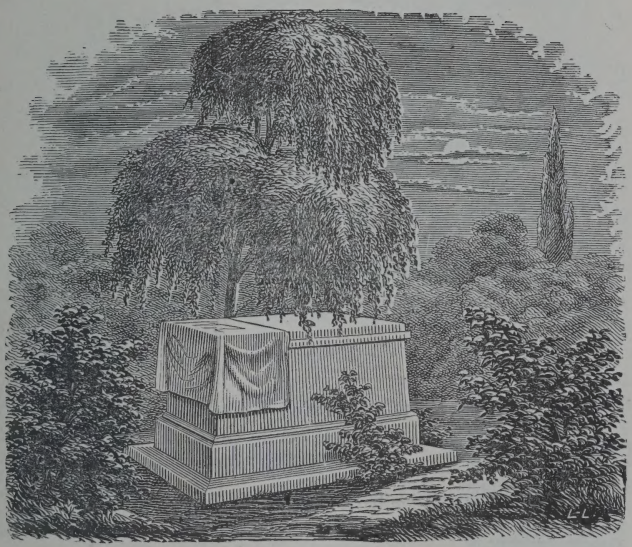
"Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb;
Take these new treasures to thy trust,
And give these sacred relics room
To slumber in the silent dust."

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
William N. Kennedy..	May 3, 1885.....	Prince Rupert's	... 1 ....
J. J. Dowsley.....	June 10, 1885	Prince Rupert's	.... 1 ....
Thomas Good	September 3, 1885.	Hiram	.... 5 ....
Skeffington C. Elliott .	March 26, 1885	Kinistino..... ...	....16 ....
Alexander W. Kippen.	May 12, 1885.....	Saskatchewan.....	....17 ....
Arch. L. McMillan...	December 16, 1885.	Brandon.	....19 ....

In Memory of

M.W. BRO. HON. WILLIAM NASSAU KENNEDY,

PAST GRAND MASTER, MANITOBA.



BORN,

DARLINGTON, ONTARIO, APRIL 27, 1839.

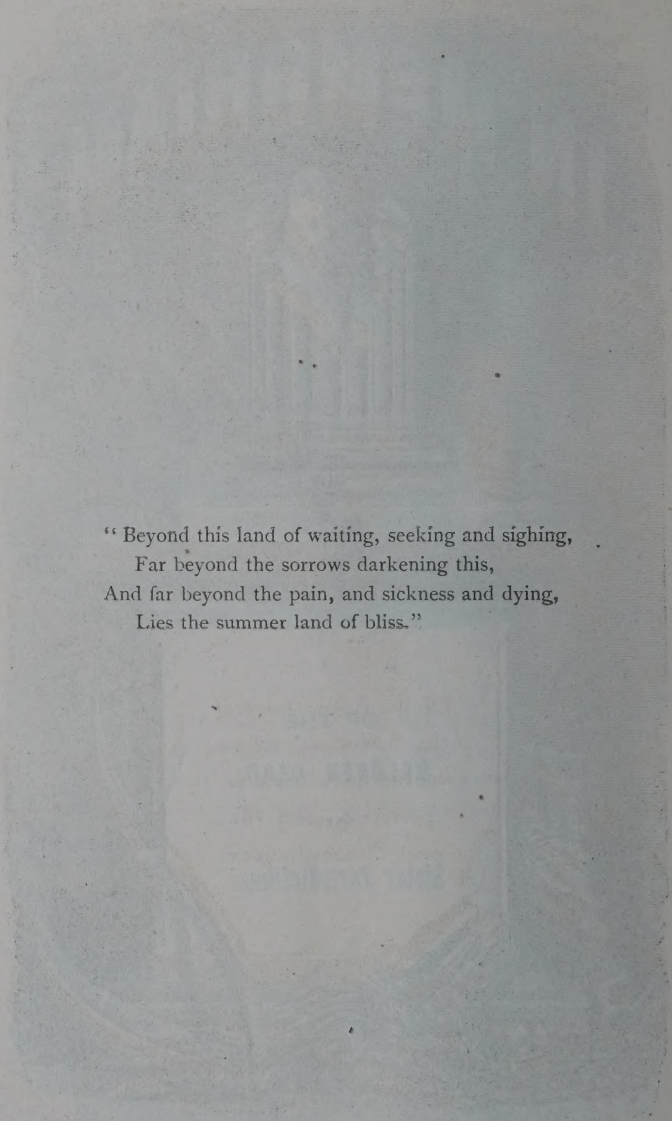
DIED,

LONDON, ENGLAND, MAY 3, 1885.

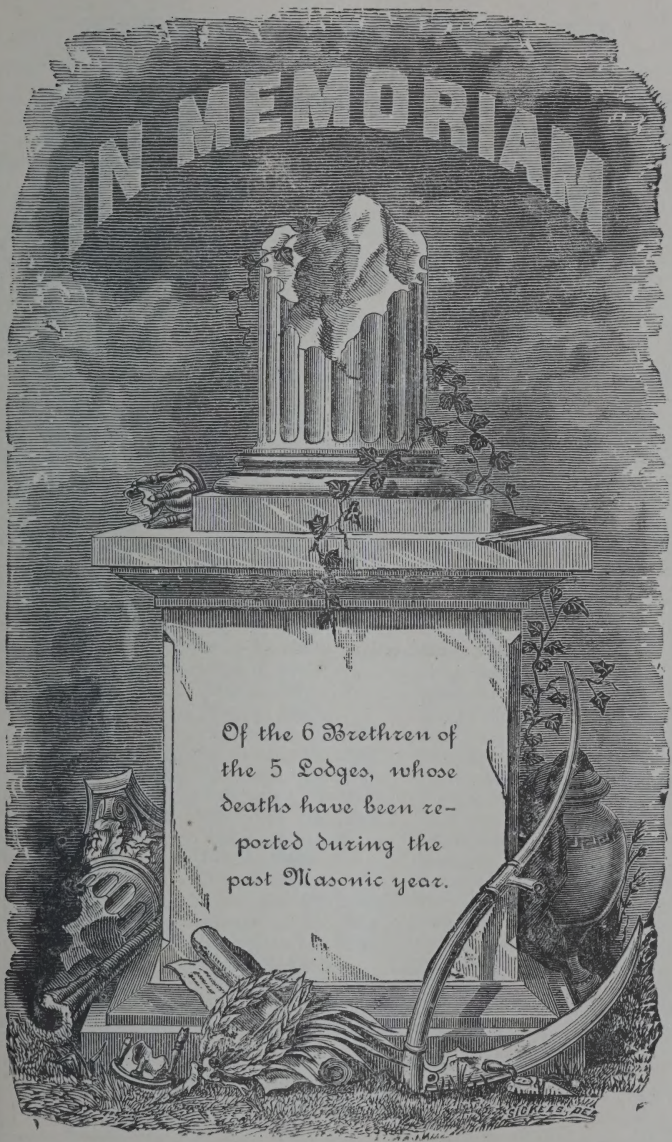
"Departed one, farewell!
A long, a last farewell we bid thee now—
Pale death has set his signet on thy brow;
And in that dreamless cell,
Where worn mortality casts off its woes,
In blest oblivion of all earthly throes,
Where but the lifeless dwell,
Thou hast laid down in everlasting rest—
Care cannot reach thee now, nor grief distract thy breast.

"Sleep on, O friend, until the waking day,
And ever we, who loved thy presence here,
Will keep for thee, through changes manifold,
A tender memory growing with the years."

IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
BELOVED DEAD
—OF—
Sister Jurisdictions.



"Beyond this land of waiting, seeking and sighing,
Far beyond the sorrows darkening this,
And far beyond the pain, and sickness and dying,
Lies the summer land of bliss."


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 6 Brethren of the 5 Lodges, whose deaths have been reported during the past Masonic year.

"Those that we loved so long, and see no more,
Loved and still love—not dead, but gone before."

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
David McFadyen	April 21, 1885.....	Prince Rupert's	.. 1
L. J. Cross.....	March 9, 1885	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
John H. Birch	March 9, 1885	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
David Douglas.....	March 9, 1885	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
A. Gilroy	March 9, 1885	Ancient Landmark ...	. 3
Thomas Manley.....	March 9, 1885	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
Arch. C. Sinclair.....	March 9, 1885	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
W. Snyder	March 9, 1885	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
Charles J. Crawley ...	December 14, 1885...	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
James Sutherland	December 14, 1885...	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
S. J. Van Rennsalaer.	December 14, 1885...	Ancient Landmark ...	.. 3
Douglas B. Woodworth	June 3, 1885.....	St. John's	.. 4
George W. Sturley ...	June 3, 1885.....	St. John's	.. 4
Gilbert McKay	June 3, 1885.....	St. John's	.. 4
Peter McLean Gillies .	June 3, 1885.....	St. John's	.. 4
John Parr	June 3, 1885.....	St. John's	.. 4
Robert R. Hepburn...	November 27, 1885...	Emerson	.. 6
James Johnston	November 27, 1885...	Emerson	.. 6
William B. Robertson.	November 27, 1885...	Emerson	.. 6
Kossuth Spates	November 27, 1885...	Emerson	.. 6
Neil Stewart.....	November 27, 1885...	Emerson	.. 6
William E. Tweed....	November 27, 1885...	Emerson	.. 6
Edward B. Tatchell ..	November 27, 1884..	Emerson	.. 6
George Finnie	May 5, 1885.....	King Solomon	.. 8
William A. McLean..	May 5, 1885.....	King Solomon	.. 8
Celsus Orton	May 5, 1885.....	King Solomon	.. 8
George C. Wilde.....	May 5, 1885.....	King Solomon	.. 8
Rice M. Howard.....	November 25, 1885...	Northern Light	..10
W. Nelson Hood.....	November 25, 1885...	Northern Light	..10
William Murdoch	November 25, 1885 ..	Northern Light	..10
David Rodger	November 25, 1885...	Northern Light	..10
James W. Whiteford..	November 25, 1885...	Northern Light	..10
John Fennel Poole ...	March 24, 1885.....	Gladstone	..11
Thomas Davis	July 3, 1884	Belmont	..13
A. Fothergill	July 3, 1884	Belmont	..13
Peter Handyside	November 20, 1885...	Prince of Wales.....	..14
Isaac Bolton	November 20, 1885...	Prince of Wales.....	..14
James M. Sutherland .	November 20, 1885...	Prince of Wales.....	..14
John Smith.....	April 29, 1885	Pembina	..20
George H. Smith	June 24, 1885.....	Pembina	..20
William Wallace Ross.	December 4, 1885....	Ionic	..25
Maurice B. Freshman.	December 4, 1885....	Ionic	..25

RESTORED.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Henry P. Smith.....	November 2, 1885....	Prince Rupert's	.. 1
John Fennel Poole ...	September 22, 1885 ..	Gladstone	.. 11
Thomas S. Rooke....	May 28, 1885.....	Belmont	..13

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1886.

M. W. Bro.	Alfred Pearson, Winnipeg	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	Peter McGregor, Brandon	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	William John Ptolemy, Winnipeg	D. D. G. M.
" "	Christopher F. Collins, Nelson	D. D. G. M.
" "	P. St. Clair McGregor, Gladstone	D. D. G. M.
" "	Edwin Oliver Dennison, Minnedosa	D. D. G. M.
" "	James A. Ovas, Souris	D. D. G. M.
" "	J. A. Kerr, Regina	D. D. G. M.
" "	Levi Abraham Cohen, Tangier, Morocco	D. D. G. M.
" "	J. W. H. Wilson, Winnipeg	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	John Kerr Brydon, Rat Portage	Grand Jnnior Warden.
" "	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, Winnipeg	Grand Chaplain.
" "	Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg	Grand Registrar.
" "	John McKechnie, Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer.
" "	Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro.	D. Hope, Winnipeg	Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	James Greig, Selkirk	Grand Junior Deacon.
" "	Joseph Tees, Manitou	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" "	John Leslie, Winnipeg	Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	Alex. L. Young, Winnipeg	Grand Organist.
" "	John T. Colton, Moose Jaw	Grand Pursuivant.
" "	Eugene N. Brown, Calgary	Grand Steward.
" "	Thomas A. Cuddy, Minnedosa	Grand Steward.
" "	Thomas H. York, Nelson	Grand Steward.
" "	James C. Stoyte, Souris	Grand Steward.
" "	W. J. McAdam, Carberry	Grand Steward.
" "	A. W. R. Markley, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.	Grand Steward.
" "	Richard Dickson, Selkirk	Grand Steward.
" "	Frank D. Stewart, Carman	Grand Steward.
"	John McBride, Winnipeg	Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, Deputy Grand Master..... ..Brandon.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Grand Senior Warden.....Winnipeg.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Grand Master .....Winnipeg.
" " Peter McGregor, Deputy Grand Master .....Brandon.
" " George Black, Past Grand Master .....Winnipeg.
" " George F. Newcomb, Past Grand Master.....Deloraine.
" " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
" " John H. Bell, Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
" " C. F. Forrest, Past Grand Master .....Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, D. D. G. M.....Winnipeg.
" " C. F. Collins, D. D. G. M.....Nelson.
" " P. S. McGregor, D. D. G. M..... .....Gladstone.
" " E. O. Dennison, D. D. G. M.....Minnedosa.
" " James A. Ovas, D. D. G. M..... .....Souris.
" " J. A. Kerr, D. D. G. M.....Regina.
" " Levi A. Cohen, D. D. G. M..... .....Tangier, Morocco.
" " J. W. H. Wilson, Grand Senior Warden .....Winnipeg.
" " J. K. Brydon, Grand Junior Warden.....Rat Portage.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, P. D. D. G. M Grand Lodge of Canada. Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.....Winnipeg.
V. W. Bro. D. Hope, Grand Senior Deacon.....Winnipeg.
W. Bro. A. MacKeand.....Winnipeg.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Kenning, P. D. D. G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada. Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Grand Registrar.....Winnipeg.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson ... .Winnipeg.
W. Bro. D. J. Goggin .....Winnipeg.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM THE DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

DATE	GR. MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. CHAPLAIN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Rev. W. C. Clarke*	Hon. W. N. Kennedy*	Jas. Henderson‡	S. L. Bedson...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	Col. John Kennedy*	H. T. Champion..	John H. Bell....
1876	Hon. W. N. Kennedy*	Jas. Henderson‡	S. L. Bedson...	G. F. Newcomb.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	J. W. Harris.....	John H. Bell ...
1877	G. F. Newcomb.	Jas. Henderson‡	John W. Harris.	E. G. Conklin...	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	J. J. Johnston	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	John H. Bell ....
1878	G. F. Newcomb.	John W. Harris.	Simon Duffin....	F. T. Bradley*..	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	J. J. Johnston	Col. Jno. Kennedy*	John H. Bell ....
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris.	Simon Duffin....	R. McCuaig....	Rev. James Flett...	J. J. Johnston	James Munro	John H. Bell ....
1880	John H. Bell....	E. G. Conklin ..	Hon. G. McMicken.	J. M. McGregor	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	D. G. Dick.....	Wm. G. Scott ....
1881	John H. Bell....	Wm. G. Scott...	D. B. Murray...	C. F. Forrest....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	D. G. Dick.....	Jas. Henderson‡..
1882	John H. Bell ...	Wm. G. Scott...	Alfred Pearson..	C. F. Forrest....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	D. G. Dick.....	H. D. P. LeCappelain§.
1883	John H. Bell....	D. B. Murray...	R. McCuaig....	Jno. Smith, M.D†	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	D. Young, M. D..	Wm. G. Scott ....
1884	John H. Bell....	C. F. Forrest....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	Wm. Simpson	Wm. G. Scott ....
1885	C. F. Forrest....	Alfred Pearson..	P. McGregor....	Thos. Collins....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	John McKechnie..	J. W. H. Wilson..	Wm. G. Scott ....
1886	Alfred Pearson..	Peter McGregor.	J. W. H. Wilson	J. K. Brydon....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott ....

*Dead.

†Removed from jurisdiction.

‡ Suspended.

§ Expelled.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near other Grand Lodges.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.
Arizona	Abraham Marx	Tuscan.
Arkansas	John W. Rison	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria.
Canada	Æ. Irving	Hamilton.
California	John Mills Browne	Vallego.
Colorado	John Widderfield	El Moro.
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London.
Cuba and Colon	Juan Jubizareta	Havana.
Dakota	Samuel Roy	Lead City.
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington.
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassa.
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville.
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport.
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo.
Iowa	George W. VanLeuven	Clear Springs.
Kansas	Matthew M. Miller	Clay Centre.
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville.
Louisiania	Charles Chaffee	New Orleans.
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren.
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson.
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron.
Minnesota	J. B. Cummings	Winona.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D	Sardis.
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis.
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City.
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City.
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City.
New Brunswick	W. F. Dibelee	Woodstock.
New Jersey	Wm. Hardacre	Camden.
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec.
New South Wales	Alfred Burne, M. D	Sydney.
New York	Samuel Jones	New York City.
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M. D	Hopewell.
Ohio	John D. Calwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette.
Pennsylvania	Gen. Louis Wagner	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Wm. H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence.
Scotland	Dr. James Cranston	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	T. C Cawood	Dandridge.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Freedom H. Church	Corinne.
Vermont	John D. Shurtleff	Bennington.
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville.
Washington Territory	Thomas Taylor Minor	Townsend.
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne.

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Arizona	John Y. Cain	Winnipeg.
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie.
British Columbia	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
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California	J. W. H. Wilson	Winnipeg.
Colorado	W. H. Seach	Winnipeg.
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg.
Cuba and Colon	Rev. James Irvine	Rat Portage.
Dakota	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
Delaware	A. J Belch	Winnipeg.
District of Columbia	D. G. Dick	Dominion City.
Florida	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg.
Idaho	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Illinois	Samuel L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Indian Territory	J. M. McGregor	Winnipeg.
Iowa	Thomas Clark	Winnipeg.
Kansas	S. R. Marlatt	Portage la Prairie.
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
Louisiana	S. A. Cornell	Rapid City.
Maine	George Munroe	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Alex. Nicol	Gladstone.
Mexico	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg.
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg.
Mississippi	Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg.
Missouri	James Munroe	Springfield.
Montana	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Nebraska	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.
Nevada	Wm. McDonald	Pilot Mound.
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New Jersey	W. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg.
New Mexico	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New South Wales	C. F. Forrest	Winnipeg.
New York	J. W. Harris	Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia	D. B. Murray	Winnipeg.
Ohio	W. C. Copeland	Winnipeg.
Oregon	A. G. McKenzie	Stonewall.
Pennsylvania	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Prince Edward Island	E. G. Conklin	Winnipeg.
Quebec	S. L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg.
Scotland	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
South Carolina	Gilbert McMicken	Winnipeg.
Tennessee	J. A. Griffith	Minnedosa.
Texas	T. W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon.
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Virginia	W. R. Black	Portage la Prairie.
Washington Territory	Rev. James M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
Wisconsin	Alfred MacKeand	Winnipeg.
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.

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Victoria	Henry W Holloway	Melbourne
Virginia	William B Isaacs	Richmond
Washington Territory	Thomas M Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	George W Atkinson	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W Laflin	Milwaukee
Wyoming	E P Snow	Cheyenne

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

—AT THE—

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FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro.	Alfred Pearson	Grand Master.
R. W. "	Peter McGregor	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	John William Henry Wilson	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	John Kerr Brydon	" Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara	" Chaplain.
" "	John McKechnie	" Treasurer.
" "	William George Scott	" Secretary.
" "	William George Bell	" Registrar.
V. " "	Daniel Hope	" Senior Deacon.
" "	James Spiers Greig	" Junior Deacon.
" "	John Leslie	" Sword Bearer.
" "	John Thomas Colton	" Pursuivant.
" "	Thomas Alfred Cuddy	" Steward.
" "	Thomas Henry York	" "
" "	James Charles Stoyte	" "
" "	Arthur Walter Ross Markley	" "
" "	Richard Dickson	" "
"	John McBride	" Tyler.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

R. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy.....No. 1, or Winnipeg District.
" " Edwin Oliver Denison.....No. 4, or Minnedosa District.
" " James Alexander Ovas.....No. 5, or Brandon District.
" " John Alexander Kerr.....No. 6, or Alberta District.

Grand Representatives.

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Representative of the Grand Lodges of England and Kentucky.

M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Idaho, Montana and Scotland.

M. W. Bro Rev. Canon Samuel Pritchard Matheson, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Florida.

M. W. Bro. George Black, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. Simon Duffin, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Wyoming.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Mexico and Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. David B. Murray, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

R. W. Bro. David Gemmill Dick, Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

R. W. Bro. Alexander James Belch, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

R. W. Bro. John Walter Harris, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

R. W. Bro. Elias George Conklin, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Utah and South Australia.

R. W. Bro. John William Henry Wilson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of California.

V. W. Bro. Hugh McCowan, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

R. W. Rro. John McKechnie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

R. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

V. W. Bro. Richard William Allan Rolph, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

V. W. Bro. John Young Cain, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

V. W. Bro. William Ross Black, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

V. W. Bro Alfred McKeand, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Past Grand Officers.

M.W.Bro. Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson. Past Grand Master.
" " John Headley Bell..... " " "
R.W. " James Henderson..... " Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. " John Walter Harris ..... " " " "
" " Elias George Conklin ..... " " " "
" " William George Scott ..... " " " "
" " David B Murray ..... " " " "
" " David Gemmill Dick ..... " District Deputy Grand Master
" " Roderick McCuaig..... " " " "
" " Willard C. Copeland..... " " " "
" " Simon Duffin ..... " Grand Senior Warden.
" " Roderick McQuaig ..... " " " "
" " Alexander James Belch ..... " " Junior Warden.

Past Masters.

M.W. Bro. Alfred Pearson,
" " George Black,
R.W. " Elias George Conklin,
" " William George Scott,
" " John McKechnie,
" " David Gemmill Dick,
V.W. Bro. John Leslie,
V.W. " Alfred McKeand,
W. " William Tower Walker,
V. " " John Young Cain,
" " John James Jackson,

V.W. Bro. James Spiers Greig,
" " Richard Dickson,
W " William Gibbs,
R.W. " David B. Murray,
" " Simon Duffin,
" " James Henderson,
V.W. " Richard William Allan Rolph,
R. " " William George Bell,
W. " George E. Fulthorpe,
V. " " Daniel Hope,
" " Albert Harrison VanEttan,
" " Andrew Schmidt.
R.W. " Alexander James Belch,
" " John Walter Harris,
V.W. " Horace James Raymer,
W. " Alexander McGowan,
R. " " William John Ptolemy,
V. " " Hugh McCown,
V.W. Bro. William Henry Seach,
W. " Robert Center Fraser,
M.W. " John Headley Bell,
R.W. " Canon James Dallas O'Meara
V.W. " Walter Wallace Ireland,
R.W. " Roderick McCuaig,
R.W. Bro. Thomas Collins,
V.W. " William Ross Black,
M.W. " Rev. Canon Samuel Pritchard Matheson,
V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson,
W. " Charles Napier Bell,
" " David John Goggin,
" " John Stanley Hough,
" " Thomas Lewis Morton,
V. W. " Thomas Henry York,
W. " William John Sutton,
R. W. " Edward Oliver Denison,
V. " " Arthur Walter Ross Markley
R. " " Peter McGregor,
W. " James Johnson White,
R. " " John Kerr Brydon,
" " James Weidman,
R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr,
W. " John Smith,
" " John Secord,
R. W. " John William Henry Wilson
" " Willard C. Copeland,
" " Thomas Clark,
W. " James John Dunlop,
V. " " John Thomas Colton.
R.W. " James Alexander Ovas,

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 8:15 P. M., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the proceedings.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bros. Roderick McCuaig and William G. Bell, and V. W. Bro. Daniel Hope, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz. :—

NO. 1.—PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. Daniel Hunter McMillan, W. M.; Bro. Niven Agnew, S. W.; Bro. John Black McKilligan, J. W.

NO. 2.—LISGAR LODGE, SELKIRK.

W. Bro. Richard Henry Gilhuly, W. M.

No. 3.—Ancient Landmark Lodge, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. Terrence Fitzgerald Kinty, W. M. ; Bro. Joseph Cornell, S. W. ; Bro. Benjamin Smeed, J. W.

No. 4.—St. John's Lodge, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, W. M.

No. 5.—Hiram Lodge, Kildonan.

Bro. Roderick Ross McDonald, S. W.

No 6.—Emerson Lodge, Emerson.

W. Bro. David Henry McFadden, W. M. ; Bro. William John Whitley, S. W. ; Bro. George Bennett Nash, J. W.

No. 7.—Assiniboine Lodge, Portage la Prairie.

Bro. Archibald A. Watson, J. W.

No. 8.—King Solomon Lodge, Morris.

W. Bro. Robert John Bell, W. M.

No 9. Oakland Lodge, Carman.

W. Bro. William James Hemenway, W. M. ; Bro. Malcolm Edgerton De Mill, S W. ; Bro. Joseph Craddock, J. W.

No 10.—Northern Light Lodge, Winnipeg.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, W. M ; Bro. Fred. Blaiklock Ross, J. W.

No. 11 —Gladstone Lodge, Gladstone.

W. Bro. Thomas Cory, W. M. ; Bro. Gregor St. Clair, McGregor, I. W.

No. 13.—Belmont Lodge, Morden.

V. W. Bro Thomas Henry York, P. M., Proxy.

No 14.—Prince of Wales Lodge, Minnedosa.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, W. M

No. 15.—Corinthian Lodge, Rapid City.

R. W. Bro Edwin Oliver Denison, Proxy.

No. 16.—Kinistino Lodge, Prince Albert.

V. W. Bro. Arthur Walter Ross Markley, P. M.

No. 18.—Al Moghreb Al Aksa, Tangier, Morocco.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Proxy.

No. 19.—Brandon Lodge, Brandon.

W. Bro. John Colwell, W. M. ; Bro. Peter Cuthbert Duncan, S. W.

No. 22.—Pequonga Lodge, Rat Portage.

W. Bro. William Henry Clark, W. M. ; Bro. Angus Carmichael, S. W.

No. 23.—Wascana Lodge, Regina.

W. Bro. James Allan MacCaul, W. M.

No. 25.—Ionic Lodge, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. Lendrum McMeans, W. M. ; Bro. Hyman Miller, S. W.

No. 26.—Moose Jaw Lodge, Moose Jaw.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Proxy.

No. 27.—Glenwood Lodge, Souris.

V. W. Bro. James Charles Stoyte, W. M.

No. 28.—Bow River Lodge, Calgary.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Proxy.

No. 29.—Carberry Lodge, Carberry.

W. Bro. Michael Collins, W. M. ; Bro. James Dickson, S. W.

No. 30.—Manitou Lodge, Manitou.

W. Bro. William Francis Ellis, W. M.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business, when it was moved by M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, and

Resolved, That the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the hours of business, be considered as read.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. William J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Eleventh Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 10th and 11th days of February, 1886, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following Address to the Brethren assembled in Grand Communication :—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

The greatest of the Graces three,
Pure, true, fraternal Charity.
Brothers, to-day in this we meet ;
With loyal friendship you I greet.

At this the Twelfth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, let me ask you the question, Why are we here to-day? You will answer, To perform the duties devolving upon us as members of this Grand Lodge. True, and, doubtless, these duties are well understood by all of us. But, let me again ask, In what spirit are we here assembled? We come, I trust, brethren, imbued with a high sense of our responsibilities, responsibilities much heavier and more arduous than in any previous year. In view of this let me hope that all our hearts are burning with fraternal love, and our minds firmly set upon the proper carrying out of the God-like principles which compose the Masonic structure from its foundation even to the cope-stone, so that I trust and fervently hope, sinking all petty jealousies and laying aside aught which might tend to disunion, we may with all our hearts work harmoniously, keeping ever before our eyes those glorious tenets of our Order, "the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

How then are you to best attain the objects of your assembling here? By giving your most serious and earnest attention to the various and important matters which will in due course be brought to your notice, by upholding the hands of those whom but a short year ago you placed in positions of great responsibility ; by assisting your Grand Master in the proper discharge of those important duties which appertain to his office. Much, I can assure you, he needs your kindly forbearance, but feels sure that he can with perfect confidence rely upon that kindly consideration which you know so well how to bestow.

I hope, brethren, you will not take it amiss if I speak very plainly to you about something which is on my mind, and draw your attention to a glaring discrepancy which too often occurs between the precepts of Masonry and the practices of many of those who belong to our institution. You all know well

enough with how few of us it is the case, that to be a Mason is a passport at once as to our integrity and honor.

Now, is this as it should be? A man's being a Mason ought to be a guarantee of his honesty and fidelity, not only with his brethren but all mankind. He's a Mason, should be synonymous with he's true as steel, actuated by all that is honorable, whose word is his bond.

You and I know that such is, I am thankful to say, often the case, yet it is not always so. What is needed to enable us to attain this great end? Is it greater rigor in the examination into applicants' antecedents, or more of what I may term kindly mutual surveillance, or a more severe and strict pursuit of any whom we may find violating any of those sacred principles which we have at our Masonic altar sworn to obey and maintain. It does seem to me as if we ought to be to a certain extent our brother's keeper. A resolute upholding of the high moral standard of the noble tenets of our institution is, I think, what each one of us individually and collectively should set up before himself as his "Ultima Thule."

Think carefully of this, and may the Most High grant, that from our deliberations there may spring a clearer conception of our duties as units in this great fraternity, and a firm determination to perform those duties even more faithfully in the future than in the past

What is a Mason? Not the clod
Whose thoughts ne'er rise above the sod,
Whose best ambition is—to know
The joys that from the senses grow.
What is a Mason? Not the slave
To passions, that will dig his grave,
Nor yet the miser, hard and cold,
Who shuts his heart to all but gold.
What is a Mason? Not the hound
Who boldly treads on holy ground,
At woman's honor dares to sneer,
At truth divine to mock and jeer.
A Mason, worthy of the name,
Can never stoop to guilt or shame.
His honor is his dearest care,
Fidelity, his jewel rare.

Never before since the days when the great Leveller, the despised Nazarene, trod the earth, have the hearts of men glowed with such a fire of love for humanity as to-day, and it behooves us as men and Masons not to put anything in the way of the grand movement, but to do our little all to hasten forward the time when

"Man to man the whole world o'er,
Shall brothers be, for a' that."

No doubt many of you will have noticed that a certain great ecclesiastical

dignitary has of late been pouring out the vials of his displeasure upon our Order. Could that dignitary but be made aware of the sublime morality of our teachings he would, I am confident, extend to us the hand of fellowship, and welcome us as worthy coadjutors in the work of raising poor suffering humanity to a nobler plane, and perhaps end by honoring himself by seeking admission to our ranks.

PROGRESS OF MASONRY.

Glad am I to be able to congratulate you as I do upon the wonderful strides Masonry continues to make the world over, but more especially is it the case in our own jurisdiction, despite the depression which we are still laboring under. The accession to our ranks outnumbers any previous year. For the credit of this satisfactory showing, "*palman qui meruit ferat*," let him bear the palm who deserves it.

Our able and most efficient Grand Secretary will give you facts and figures bearing on this point.

DECISIONS.

I have not been called upon to give any decisions officially, though many letters have been answered giving advice.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have during the year issued the following dispensations:

February 12, 1886, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. To hold an Emergent meeting without the required seven days' notice, for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on G. Jarvis, who was regularly balloted for and accepted, and whose name has appeared on the Summons as a candidate for initiation, the said Mr. G. Jarvis having just returned from Mexico and leaving again in a few days.

On February 20th, 1886, to Gladstone Lodge No. 11. Dispensation issued to receive and act upon an application for initiation from Rev. William John Garten, who has not resided the required time within the jurisdiction of said lodge. The applicant is a resident of Fort Rae, Great Slave Lake, and the nearest lodge is several hundred miles away.

March 2nd, 1886, Medicine Hat Lodge U. D. Dispensation continued.

March 15th, 1886, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17. Empowering Bro. Donald Ross, pending installation, to confer degrees and transact the general business of the lodge until he can secure the required number of Past Masters to perform the installation ceremonies.

May 15th, 1886, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. To allow the ballot to be again passed for Robert Wilkinson, a candidate for initiation, who was balloted for and rejected on the 12th April, 1886, it having transpired that his rejection was owing to the fact that his proposers had made a mistake in giving his occupation.

December 24th, 1886, Pembina Lodge No. 20. To elect its officers on this date, they having failed to do so at its regular meeting.

I have during the year issued eight (8) Dispensatians for lodges to wear regalia at Divine service, also seven (7) to wear regalia at balls and conversazione. I issued these Dispensations with a good deal of hesitation, for it has come under my observation that a large number of Masons turn out at these affairs who never appear on the floor of the lodge, and it does seem to me as if the only use these brethren have for Masonry is when they have an opportunity for display.

I have issued three Dispensations to confer degrees in less time than that required by the Constitution. The circumstances surrounding each case have been carefully looked into, and in these three instances, the brethren for whom the dispensations were asked were moving to places where they could not conveniently reach Masonic lodges, for which reason I reluctantly consented to allow the dispensation to issue.

Dispensation issued to King Solomon Lodge No. 8, to install its officers on January 4th, 1887.

Dispensation issued to Pembina Lodge No. 20, to install its officers on January 28th, 1887, they not having elected their officers in time to install on date required by Constitution and By-laws.

I refused to permit a brother to give a Masonic address at a mixed picnic at Morden, my reason for so doing was, because the request was telegraphed a day or two before the picnic was to take place, and I considered there had been ample time to have written and given full particulars. I must say that I object to the use of the telegraph altogether in making these requests, as the information given is necessarily so meagre that one cannot judge the circumstances or requirements of the case. Hence if I err at all I prefer to err on the side that cannot bring any discredit to our institution.

During the year I have issued Dispensations for seven new lodges, the books of which I have no doubt will be submitted to you at this Communication, along with their applications for charters.

1. Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, meets at Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia, on the Tuesday on or after full moon. Nine petitioners—T. W. Jackson, W. M.; Wm. Sutherland, S. W.; Samuel Crothers, J. W. Dispensation issued February 24th, 1886.

2. Indian Head Lodge, meets at Indian Head, Assiniboia, on the first Tuesday of the month. Nine petitioners—H. J. Eberts, W. M.; G. H. Gamble, S.W.; W. A. B. Fishleigh, J. W. Dispensation issued, April 3rd, 1886.

3. Qu'Appelle Lodge, meets at Qu'Appelle, Assa., on the Tuesday on or before full moon. Eleven petitioners—J. Weidman, W. M.; A. C. Patterson, S. W.; A. N. Wismer, J. W. Dispensation issued April 12th, 1886.

4. Moosomin Lodge, meets at Moosomin, N. W. T., on the Wednesday one or after full moon. Ten petitioners—Joseph Daniel, W. M. ; John Tucker, S. W. ; John McGuirl, J. W. Dispensation issued April 21st, 1886.

5. Doric Lodge, meets at Boissevain, Man., on the Tuesday on or before full moon. Eighteen petitioners—W. W. Ireland, W. M. ; S. A. Cornell, S. W. ; Thomas H. Kellett, J. W. Dispensation issued May 26th, 1886.

A request was made by this lodge to have it named after a living person, which request I could not see my way clear to grant, believing, as I do, that it is not wise to name lodges after living persons. On receipt of our communication the brethren at once changed the name in the petition to Doric, thereby evincing their willingness to bow to constitutional authority which, you can easily imagine, was most pleasing to me.

6. Alberta Lodge, meets at Fort McLeod, Alberta, N. W. T., on the first Tuesday in every month. Seven petitioners—W. D. Antrobus, W. M. ; John Breadon, S. W. ; Duncan J. Campbell, J. W. Dispensation issued May 27th, 1886.

7. Battle Lodge, meets at Battleford, N. W. T., on the first Thursday of every month. Eleven petitioners—M. H. W. Fraser, W. M. ; H. J. Montgomery, S. W. ; Gordon Rolph, J. W. Dispensation issued June 26th, 1886.

8. Birtle Lodge, meets at Birtle, Man., on the Wednesday on or after full moon. Ten petitioners—F. G. Lewis, W. M. ; D. W. Cummins, S. W. ; John E. Mann, J. W. Dispensation issued, January 22nd, 1887.

POWERS OF GRAND MASTER.

Having given you a detailed statement of the dispensations I have issued during the year, I cannot do better, I think, than quote the words of M. W. Bro Day, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, every sentiment of which I endorse most heartily, and would recommend them to your most earnest consideration :—"There seems to be an idea in the minds of not a few brethren (Masters of lodges, too) that the Grand Master has power to set aside for the time being any provision of the book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and that in *their* case he ought to do so I have tried to explain that, while the Grand Master has almost unlimited power to do what he thinks best for the good of the whole fraternity, he is as much bound to observe and obey the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as any member of a subordinate lodge ; in fact, more so, for he is specially obligated to obey them, and he could not consistently punish others for violating laws which he has himself disobeyed." Allow me also to express the hope that the brethren in future, when applying for dispensations, will apply only for such as are not a clear setting aside of the Constitution, thereby relieving your Grand Master (being a constitutional one) of the pain of having to refuse to allow them to issue.

AFFILIATIONS.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the action of Grand Lodge last ses-

sion in doing away with an affiliation fee, has had a marked tendency in inducing a very large number of non-affiliates to renew their fealty and resume labor with us, to the subordinate lodges also which abolished the joining fee, much credit must be given. May the day soon come when a joining fee will be unknown in this jurisdiction.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have had the pleasure during the year of receiving many invitations from lodges to pay them official visits, but owing to lack of time I have not been able to avail myself in many instances of their kind invitations.

I visited Emerson Lodge upon invitation, for the purpose of installing the officers, and was accompanied by R.W. Bro. J.H. Kenning. The welcome I received was of such a nature as made me wish that it might not be long ere a renewal of the same might take place. I found the W. M. elect—Bro. D. H. McFadden, well skilled, and left Emerson Lodge feeling that its future, in the hands of its three principal officers, will be one that need give no cause for alarm.

On the 13th September, 1886, I paid an official visit to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, and there saw several candidates raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was done in a manner most creditable to the Lodge, but what struck me most of all was the beautiful manner of giving the lectures on the tracing board aided by a magic lantern It, I am confident, could not help but impress the lecrures on the minds of the candidates in such a way as no other method could possibly do. This Lodge is the most prosperous in the jurisdiction, having the largest membership, as well as having a very large surplus lying to its credit in the savings bank.

On the 27th December, 1886, I installed the officers of the four city lodges, and later in the evening attended a banquet given by the brethren of Northern Light Lodge No. 10, at which a large number of distinguished Masons gave short addresses, which were listened to with marked attention.

BY-LAWS.

By-laws and amendments thereto of the following lodges have, during the year, been submitted to me for approval by the Grand Secretary, and at once approved, for nothing else remained to be done, after having passed the careful scrutiny of that official.

1. Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
2. Ancient Landmark No. 3.
3. St. John's Lodge No. 4.
4. Emerson Lodge No. 6.
5. Gladstone Lodge No. 11.
6. Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17.
7. Ionic Lodge No. 25.
8. Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26.

REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year the following brethren have received commissions representing Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :

England—M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson.

Alabama—R. W. Bro James Leslie.

British Columbia—W. Bro. Hough, vice R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, resigned.

Iowa—R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, re-appointed, triennial period ending October, 1st, 1889.

Kansas –R. W. Bro James Ovas, vice V. W. Bro. S. R. Marlatt, term of office expired.

South Australia—R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor.

In this connection it is with much satisfaction that I am able to report that the United Grand Lodge of England has at last consented to an interchange of representatives, and have appointed me their representative near this Grand Lodge. The patent of appointment, under the hand of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, came duly to hand on January 19th, ultimo.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is, I believe, the only English-speaking Grand Lodge with which we have not an interchange of representatives. I have instructed the Grand Secretary to open up a correspondence with it about the matter, and I have no doubt that in a very short time it, also, will be consummated.

Representatives appointed near other Grand Lodges :—

Alabama—W. Bro. Jesse W. Carmichael.

Arkansas—W. Bro. A. A. Gibson, *vice* Bro. John W. Rison, deceased.

Kansas—W. Bro. Abijah Wells.

I congratulate these brethren upon the honors they have received, and commend to them the interests of their respective jurisdictions, trusting that they will not follow the example, in many instances, of their predecessors, but will officially report after each session of the Grand Lodge near which they may be placed, such matters of interest as may concern the Grand Lodge whose accidental representatives they are. I would also urge upon all representatives from or near this Grand Lodge to take this unto themselves and go and do likewise.

PEQUONGA LODGE.

Owing to the decision of the Privy Council in the disputed territory case, which gave a large portion of Keewatin to the Province of Ontario, thereby placing Pequonga Lodge (which until this time owed its allegiance to our Grand Lodge) in the Province of Ontario, and placing us in the position of

having a lodge in occupied territory. Being a firm believer in the Sovereignty of each Grand Lodge in its own territory, I would recommend that Pequonga Lodge be notified to return its warrant to us, and make application to the Grand Lodge of Canada for one from that Grand Body. A great deal of correspondence has passed in this matter, but from the assurances I personally received that full justice would be done in the premises, I feel certain that none of the members of Pequonga Lodge will have any cause to feel themselves aggrieved.

GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

Owing, I presume, to much of the correspondence relative to this matter having gone astray during H. D. P. Lecappelain's term of office (re the recognition by this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Peru,) my predecessors made no recommendation. I have, however, looked carefully through the documents put before me, and would recommend its recognition, thus adding another link to the chain of fraternal recognition which binds Masons together all the world over.

GRAND SECRETARY.

I cannot, I think, in a more appropriate place than just here, express through you to our able and efficient Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro W. G. Scott, the high appreciation I have of his invaluable services, not only to me personally, but to the whole jurisdiction I have no fear of contradiction when I say that never in the history of our Grand Lodge has it had so efficient an officer occupying the Secretary's desk. After much correspondence to and fro, grave errors and irregularities have at last been rectified, and now he, (the Grand Secretary), is able to present for your inspection a set of books in his office that, I firmly believe, are second to none, and may the Most High long spare him to us in that position which he now so worthily fills.

OPENING AND CLOSING.

Owing to our Constitution requiring business to be done in the third degree, and the bulk of our lodges working what is commonly known as the "Canada Work," a great deal of time is taken up in lowering and raising into the different degrees, and as our ritual does not allow of any short form being used, I would ask the Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of appointing a committee of well skilled brethren to adopt a short form, or else allow lodges to open directly in the degree. I found my predecessor allowed a short form of lowering and raising, which I continued, provided always that the lodge opened regularly in the first, second and third degrees, and then when closing down for that communication doing so regularly in the third, second and first degrees.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Immediately on taking office I determined to hold Lodges of Instruction, knowing, as I did, the great benefit they would be to all concerned, and what

an impetus it would give to the better rendering of the work. The enthusiasm manifested at each meeting was most gratifying to me, and the evident desire to get the work up correctly warrants me in the belief that the good done by this means is beyond estimation. The only cause for regret was the fact that there were so few attending from the country lodges, by whom these Lodges of Instruction are needed much more than by the City Lodges. The work was exemplified in the Canadian work as follows :

Entered Apprentice Degree, by V. W. Bro. Robinson, of Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

Fellow Craft Degree, by R. W. Bro. McKechnie, of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Master Mason's Degree, by R. W. Bro. T. Clark, of Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Ancient York Rite.—Entered Apprentice Degree, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Bell, of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Fellow Craft Degree, by V. W. Bro. Raymer, of St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Master Mason Degree, by R. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, and V. W. Bro. Raymer.

EDICT.

I deemed it advisable and absolutely necessary to issue the following edict, in order to put a stop to an evil that was very prevalent in our jurisdiction, which was crushing out the higher understanding of our beautiful ceremonies and tending to foster a parrot-like repetition and mere superficial knowledge, which would very soon have brought our Order into such disrepute as would have taken it years to recover from. From the results, I am satisfied the action was wise and opportune.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

It affords me very much pleasure to be able to inform you that the fraternal relations of this Grand Lodge with that of the other Grand Lodges throughout the world are of the most fraternal and satisfactory character. During the year there has not been the slightest approach to a cloud in the skies to mar the peace and harmony which should at all times characterize not only Masonic lodges but Masonic Grand Lodges. Long may this continue.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

Most of you will doubtless remember that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge notice of motion as follows was given by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson :— "That the revised Constitution as submitted by the Committee on Constitution be adopted in the place and stead of the present Constitution, which is hereby repealed." This will now have to be considered by you, and let me here express the hope that you will so legislate (ever keeping in view our Ancient Landmarks) as to present to the whole Masonic world a Constitution second to none, and one which will meet the requirements of our jurisdiction fo-

many, many years. May the G. A. O. T. U. so guide you in your deliberations in this matter that this happy result may be attained at this session of Grand Lodge.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

This is the year in which nearly the whole civilized world is celebrating the fiftieth year of the reign of our beloved Sovereign, Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, over that Empire which, during her reign, has attained that position amongst the nations of the earth which warrants us in calling it the leader of civilization and progress, and of which, I am proud to say, this Canada of ours forms no inconsiderable part. The progress of that empire during the last fifty years makes our hearts pulsate with a pardonable pride, and its future destinies, we believe, this our adopted land will have no small share in making as brilliant as the past has been.

I would recommend for your consideration the propriety of appointing a committee to draft and forward, through the Board of General Purposes, an address of congratulation to our Queen, indicative of our loyalty and love for her. More especially do I think it would be appropriate from the fact of her high and gracious appreciation of our Order, as evinced by her sanctioning the acceptance by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, of the position of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, further testified also by the admission into our ranks but a short time ago of the Prince of Wales' eldest son, the heir presumptive to the British Crown

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY.

The D. D. G. Masters will, no doubt, present to you detailed statements of the condition of the various lodges in their respective districts, thereby relieving the Grand Master of the necessity of speaking of individual lodges; as a whole, however, I am able to report that the Craft has enjoyed a year of harmony and prosperity, and, so far as I know, nothing has occurred during the year to disturb the pleasant relations that should exist in order to make our jurisdiction one harmonious whole. All the lodges, I think, have had a fair share of work, and in many instances have vied with each other with generous rivalry in order to see which could do the squarest and truest work, at the same time advancing the welfare of symbolic Masonry thereby.

RE CIRCULAR, TANGIERS, MOROCCO.

Under date of March last I received from our Grand Secretary a circular addressed to this Grand Lodge, dated Tangier, Morocco, February 27th, 1886. Accompanying the circular is the Masonic Appeal, also a copy of "The Times," of Morocco, all of which are explanatory in themselves, but are too voluminous to be given here by me. The documents are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and now submit them to you for such action in the premises, if any, as you may see fit to take.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Brethren, whilst the bearer of burdens, the faithful craftsman has been busily employed, the Reaper whose name is Death has been equally active. Let us then unite in sympathy with those who mourn the loss of friends nearer and dearer to them than us their brethren, and with them bow our heads in sorrow.

Let words of tribute tender and true be inscribed not only in our hearts but on printed page, to recall sweet memories of our fraternal dead.

I call upon you to drop the sympathetic tear for the dead of our jurisdiction.

I should, however, be delinquent in my duty if I did not specially draw your attention to the death of Bro. Fetterly, who was, as most of you are aware, a member of Pequonga Lodge, and who died from injuries received in a railway accident on the C. P. R. Let his name be written in letters of gold, for he remained at his post of duty, one hand on the throttle of his engine, the other on the lever, thereby giving up that which is the dearest thing on earth—life—in order that he might save the lives of those committed to his charge. Those who knew this brother loved him well. He has passed on before and we shall join him; he has answered the roll call of the Grand Lodge above. May God, the G. A. O. T. U., give us grace to be faithful as he was, and may we so live that some may stand at our grave and say of us, as we now say of him:

Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest.

Amongst the dead of sister jurisdictions I would ask you to stand for a moment with me beside the grave of M. W. Bro. Gurney, one of the greatest of the Past Grand Masters owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

In mourning the death of M. W. Bro. Gurney, it brings to my mind the first time I met this most distinguished brother. It was on Canadian soil, at a session of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held in Windsor in July last, and out of that great assemblage he (Bro. Gurney) was almost the first one to extend the right hand of fellowship, saying at the same time in his hearty way,—"Illinois welcomes the great Northwest." I afterwards met him in his office in the great city of Chicago, and received many courtesies at his hands, little thinking it would be the last time that I should, on this earth, look upon his face again.

The whole Masonic world has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of this brother. "He opened his mouth with wisdom and the law of kindness was on his tongue." Of him it can truly be said, "A prince and a great man is fallen in Israel this day."

He is gone, but his memory liveth,
He is dead; his example is here.
The sweetness and fragrance it giveth
Will linger for many a year.

Let us with all reverence express the hope that the fraternal dead of all jurisdictions, who have been summoned from this earthly Lodge, have given the Password and been permitted to enter the Celestial Lodge above, which knows no East, West, South, or North, but where all bask in that radiant glory emanating from the effulgent Centre, and are now seated at the right hand of our Heavenly Father.

> The God who hath made mankind one common brotherhood,
> Himself their Master, the world their lodge.

In conclusion, brethren, my official relations with you are now about to terminate, a large volume of most important business awaits your consideration. It has been my desire to make the report of my acts as concise as possible, but owing to the variety of subjects that I have deemed it my duty to bring to your notice, I have not been able to accomplish the object aimed at; however, for this I crave your indulgence. Finally, for my part I can honestly say that I have performed the duties appertaining to my high office to the best of my ability, and with a full sense of their importance, and an earnest desire to prove myself not quite unworthy of the trust you reposed in me but a year ago. As I return to you the emblem of authority, thankfully, reverently realizing how far short I have fallen from the ideal I set up, let me offer up a prayer to Him who doeth all things well, imploring a blessing on your deliberations, that you may be so guided in all your acts as will redound to the honor and glory of His holy Name, the Builder of Heaven and of earth, the Most High.

ALFRED PEARSON,
Grand Master.

Winnipeg, 9th February, 1887.

Moved by R. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, seconded by M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, and

Resolved, That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1.—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

WINNIPEG, February 9th, 1887.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

As another Masonic year has drawn to a close, it now becomes my duty to give an account of my stewardship as the D. D. G. M. of Winnipeg District.

I regret to have to state that owing to the pressing nature of my daily duties and to circumstances over which I had no control, it was late in the year before

I could make my official visits, although from occasional non-official visits, and from information I from time to time received, I had every reason to believe that the good work of the craft was progressing most favorably, and that each lodge in my charge was in skilful hands

In making my official visitations I have endeavored to impress on the brethren the importance of (1) Raising the moral standard of Masonry by a strict watch on the ballot, and by enforcing a strict adherence to the pure principles of our Order, and of (2), Doing all work well, and in as impressive a manner as possible ; and that to attain that end, it might in many cases be advisable to re-elect W. M.'s and other officers, advancing only well skilled men to higher rank.

In some of the older lodges I have noticed that many of the brethren have been allowed to run very far behind with their dues, to the detriment of the lodge. I drew attention to the fact, and urged that steps be taken to interview those so in arrears, and if possible get the amounts paid up, or materially reduced ; and failing in this, to resort to suspension where it was deemed to be dealing not unjustly with the brother—for I think that financial soundness is one of the chief necessities to the prosperity of a lodge.

I have to report on my official visitations to the Lodges of this District, and on the condition of each Lodge as follows :—

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

I had the pleasure, as my first official act, of installing W. Bro. J. J. Jackson and the other officers of the lodge at their regular communication in February last, they having at their regular meeting in December previous elected a W.M. from amongst the members other than P. M.'s and Wardens, and dispensation for same having been refused, as reported by the M. W. the Grand Master a year ago. I again visited officially on January 18th last, when I saw the Second Degree conferred very creditably by W. Bro. Jackson, assisted by his officers of the past year. This lodge bids fair for a year of prosperity during 1887, under the guidance of W. Bro. D. H. McMillan and his excellent Wardens. The material admitted here seems to be of the best.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

This Lodge I visited on the 25th ult., and saw the First Degree conferred exceedingly well by W. Bro. R. Dickson, I. P. M. They have a good lodge room of suitable size and beautifully furnished, and are out of all debt in connection with same, besides having purchased a set of new regalia at a cost of over $60, and have a cash surplus. I regret, however, to state that outside matters appear to have produced some discord among the brethren in the past, and I strongly urged them to avoid such in the future, for I hold that whatever our differences may be outside the Lodge room, nothing should mar the harmony which should exist among the brethren at labor ; and that conversely, brotherly love within the lodge will greatly assist us to live in peace and harmony in our daily walks in life, and thus reflect credit on our noble Order.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE NO. 3.

I was able to visit this Lodge officially but once, when the First Degree was conferred by W. Bro. T. F. Kinty, assisted by W. Bros. D. Hope and W. G. Bell. This lodge has been at considerable expense in procuring magic lantern, floor cloth and other appliances to assist in doing the work, and the use of same materially aids in making the lectures, etc , more impressive. Financially this lodge is, I believe, in the best position of any in the jurisdiction. Besides having a good surplus in their ordinary bank account, they have $600 to a special bank account as a reserve fund. During the past year their receipts exceeded their expenditure by about $400. Their growth in membership has also been very marked, as their Secretary's report for the past year shows a net increase of 46, which, added to 113 at the beginning of the year, gives a total membership at December 27th last of 159. The books kept by the Secretary are models of neatness, and worthy of imitation by others.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO 4.

This Lodge I visited officially at an Emergent Communication held on December 15th, when I saw the Second and Third Degrees conferred by W. Bro. A. L. Young, assisted by W. Bro. W. H. Seach. At the beginning of the year W. Bro. Young labored under some difficulties, but by patience, perseverance and energy, he has surmounted all, and he performs his work very creditably. This lodge is also in a sound financial position, having over $500 to the credit of a reserve fund in a special bank account. On the same evening that I visited, M. W. Bro. A. Pearson, Grand Master, at no small inconvenience to himself, as he was quite unwell, attended officially and on behalf of the officers and members of the Lodge, presented W. Bro. Young, the I. P. M., with a Past Master's Jewel.

HIRAM LODGE NO. 5.

It was not until Friday night last that I was able to visit this Lodge, when I I installed their W. M.-elect, Bro. N. Matheson, and S. W.-elect, Bro R. R. McDonald, in which ceremony I was assisted by M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell. Bros. Matheson and McDonald were unable to attend at their regular installation ceremony on December 27th last—the former owing to a broken leg, which I am glad to say is becoming quite sound again, and the latter from being out of the neighborhood at the time. I am informed by M. W. Bro. Bell, whom my predecessor of two years ago designated as the Masonic Father of this lodge, that the work of the past year has been well performed by the Master, W. Bro. Sadlier. Their books are fairly well kept.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE NO. 10.

I am happy to be able to state that the prediction and wish of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, with regard to this lodge, has in a considerable measure been realized, and the lodge, under W. Bro. Hough and his able staff of officers has made marked progress. I shall venture to predict that with Bro. Thos. Robinson as W. M , Bro. W. S. Grant as S. W., and Bro. F. B. Ross

as J. W., the coming year will be one of greater prosperity to the lodge, and that good and true work will be done. On the occasion of my official visit at an Emergent Communication held on December 22nd last, I saw the Third Degree admirably conferred by W. Bro. J. S. Hough. Their books and accounts are in good order.

STONEWALL LODGE NO. 12.

I regret very much that I have not been able to visit this Lodge, but it was perfectly impossible to so arrange my time that it could be done.

PEQUONGA LODGE NO. 22.

I have also to regret my inability to visit this Lodge during my term of office, especially so as I presume this is the last year in which it yields homage to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

IONIC LODGE NO 25.

On my one official visit to this Lodge I saw the second degree very creditably conferred by the present Master, W. Bro. L. McMeans, with some assistance from the Past Masters of the Lodge, of whom there are a goodly number. Without wishing to appear partial or to draw comparisons, I feel constrained to mention the assistance given the W. Masters by R. W. Bro Thomas Clark, who for clear and impressive delivery of the beautiful ritual, excels any one I have heard in the jurisdiction. The Lodge is in good financial standing, but I think there might be some improvements in the mode of keeping their accounts, and I suggested such to the Secretary.

The Winnipeg Masonic Board of Relief has quietly but none the less surely been doing its work of mercy. During the past year eleven cases of distress have been relieved by this Board, at an outlay of $153. At the end of the year they had a balance of cash on hand of $125, with a year's dues owing from each of the city lodges. It must be borne in mind that the relief dispensed by this Board is to Masons, or the families of Masons, who do not belong to any of the lodges in this jurisdiction, as other cases are supposed to be dealt with by the particular lodges interested.

On May 3rd last I received through the Grand Secretary, a communication from Bro. A. Walkley, of Lisgar Lodge, complaining that the Lodge had wrongfully issued him his dimit. This matter has caused me considerable correspondence and trouble during the year, and, as my ultimate decision ordering the re-instation of Bro. Walkley to membership in the Lodge, is, I understand, being appealed against to your Body, I deem it but proper that I should report the facts of the case fully to you.

On December 27th, 1885, Bro. Walkley wrote the lodge asking his dimit. On the next regular night of meeting, early in January, when this communication would have been read, no meeting was held; and on January 12th Bro. Walkley, having changed his mind, again wrote the lodge asking to withdraw his application for dimit. Both communications were in the secretary's hands,

with the full knowledge of the Master, and came up at the regular meeting on February 1st. First the communication of December 27th was read, and on motion the dimit was ordered to be granted; afterwards the communication of January 11th, it is said, was read, but as the dimit had been ordered to be granted it was decided that Bro. Walkley could only be re-admitted to membership by making application for affiliation in the usual way. The minutes mention the receipt of the former communication and the action thereon, but are perfectly silent with regard to the latter. After having heard all the facts as before narrated, I gave it as my opinion that the lodge had been in error in two particulars: first, in issuing the dimit knowing that at the time the brother did not wish it, giving as my authority Robertson's Masonic Jurisprudence, page 70, where it is stated that "no brother can lose his membership without his own consent, except by suspension or expulsion, therefore the lodge should be satisfied before a dimit is granted that the brother himself wishes it;" and, secondly, in not making any mention of the second communication and of the action thereon in their minutes; and I thereupon ordered the brother to be reinstated. In doing so I was quite well aware of the fact that the members of the lodge were almost unanimous in wishing that Bro. Walkley should not be re-admitted, but I felt that it would perhaps be an unsafe precedent to allow the course taken by the Lodge to go unchallenged.

I trust the Great Architect of the Universe may grant us, His children, a goodly portion of that grace which is necessary, so that the work of our noble Order may be conducted aright, and so as to promote the best interests of the Craft and of the whole human family.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. PTOLEMY,
D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

No 3.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

It affords me pleasure at the close of our Masonic year to be able to report that Masonry is in a thriving condition in the district over which I have had the honor to rule during the year. Although the number of members added to our lodges has not been as large as in some former periods, the *material* selected, and the general fraternal feeling pervading the craft, bear evidence that the Trestle Board designs are carefully prepared by the Overseers, and faithfully followed by the craftsmen.

During the year I have visited all the lodges, and submit the following notes as to their respective standing:—

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

I regret that this Lodge has been for some time in a semi-dormant state. Meetings have been very irregular and attendance meagre. To the honor of the lodge I can vouch for the safe watch kept at the western portal against

worthless material, choosing to struggle on as they are in preference to gaining strength at the expense of principle. I made a second visit to this lodge last week and found a number of the brethren prepared to take hold of the lodge and to meet regularly this year. I believe that the good resolves made will be carried into effect, and that W. Bro. S R. Marlatt, the present Master, will be strengthened in his efforts to place the lodge on something like its old-time basis.

Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

This Lodge has been steadily and regularly at work. There has been an increase in the membership. Many of the members are scattered far and wide apart, and in their absence it is pleasant to hear, as we do, that their Masonic enthusiasm is not waning faint. Owing to numerous engagements last year, W. Bro. John Mason was not able to give the attention to the duties of the Master's chair that I would have been pleased to see. W. Bro Thomas Cory, the present Master, will doubtless see the traditious of the lodge, as to working carefully, kept in view.

The Wardens and officers are well posted and regular in attendance.

Marquette Lodge No. 21.

This Lodge is doing well; is in good hands, and the work is well done. W. Bro. R. C. Brown ably filled the East last year, and was well supported by his officers and the brethren. The present Master is well qualified to fill his responsible position. I am assured that here prosperity, peace, and harmony will be the characteristics of the present Masonic year. So mote it be.

Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

I have visited this Lodge several times, and have always found the brethren at their posts. I had an opportunity of being present one night at the raising of a brother, and found the officers well qualified. W. Bro. George Brownell was zealous as Master in looking after the interests of the lodge, and his example is being followed by the present Master, W. Bro. M. H Fieldhouse. I had the pleasure of meeting our R. W. Deputy Grand Master at one of the meetings, and, with his assistance, installed the officers elect for the present year.

I have not been called on to discharge any duty relative to misunderstandings between the brethren. I recommended a dispensation to enable the Portage la Prairie brethren to attend Divine service in Masonic clothing. Neepawa Lodge attended the remains of a sojourning brother to the common receptacle of all, in Masonic clothing.

In conclusion I have to return my heartfelt thanks to the brethren of the District for their courtesy and fraternal greetings during my visits, and to express the hope that Masonry may long prosper in our midst. It is with regret that I find myself unable to be with you at our Annual Communication, but sickness in my family and ill health prevent me. Now bespeaking for my suc-

cessor in office the same hospitable treatment that has been accorded to me in the district, I pray the G. A. O. T. U. to guide us all aright.

Yours fraternally,

P. ST. CLAIR McGREGOR,
D. D. G. M., District No. 3, or Portage la Prairie.

Mekewin P.O., Feb. 7, 1887.

No. 4.—MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

As we have only two lodges in this District my report will necessarily be short. I am pleased to be able to say that within a week or ten days we will have another lodge added to this District, a dispensation having been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master to Birtle brethren to form a lodge there.

CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 15, RAPID CITY.

This Lodge, I am sorry to say, has not been in good working order for some time, owing to the fact that nearly all the officers, including the W. M., S. W., and J. W., left the district last spring, and the Secretary also left a short time ago. The remaining brethren, unfortunately, allowed the lodge to run down. I am glad to say that it is now again in good working order, and first class men have been elected as officers for the ensuing year. I feel that I can say with confidence from what I know of the Rapid City brethren, that Corinthian Lodge will soon be second to none in the district.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE NO. 14.

This, my own lodge, I have attended nearly every meeting for the past year, and I must say that I am very proud of Prince of Wales Lodge. The work has been well done and the officers are good sound men and Masons. The Master, W. Bro. Cuddy, has especially given satisfaction, is an excellent workman, and is beloved and respected by all the brethren. W. Bro. Thomas A. Cuddy, I am glad to say, has been re-elected as W. M. for the ensuing year.

Prince of Wales Lodge is also in good financial condition, does not owe a dollar, and has funds in hand.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. O. DENISON,
D. D. G. M., No. 4 or Minnedosa District.

No. 5.—BRANDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Brandon, or No. 5 District, over which I have had the pleasure of presiding for the Masonic year now drawing to a close.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that the progress of the Order for the past year in this district has been most satisfactory, and I sincerely trust that the peace and harmony that have characterized the brethren in this district may ever continue.

I very much regret that, owing to business engagements, I was unable to visit the lodges as often as I would have wished, but hope the brethren will overlook any seeming negligence as compulsory, not wilful.

Brandon Lodge No. 19.

I have visited this Lodge three times during the year—once officially, June 24, when I had the honor to install the officers for the then ensuing year. I have great pleasure in reporting that this lodge still continues to progress most favorably, a large number of members having been added during the past year. The officers are efficient, and with the able assistance of so many well skilled and experienced Past Masters, the work done in this lodge will compare favorably with any.

This lodge deserves much credit for the truly Masonic spirit evinced in affording assistance to Bro. Brahant and family, this brother, hailing from the G. L. of England, having been stricken with that fatal disease, consumption. He and family were wholly dependant on charity. This lodge had him removed to Brandon, where everything in its power was done to alleviate his sufferings until the G. A. O. T. U. called him to the Grand Lodge above. Glenwood Lodge No. 27, and Carberry Lodge No. 29, also deserve credit for their respective contributions towards his aid.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

Being a member of this lodge, I have missed but one or two of its meetings for the past year. The lodge is in good working order and on sound financial basis. The officers are efficient and attentive. The roll has not increased as rapidly perhaps as I would wish, the reason of which, however, is obvious. Situated, as it is, in the smallest village in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, it must necessarily depend to a great extent on the farming community for new members. Many of these I know have been obliged to defer their applications owing to the failure of the crops.

Carberry Lodge No. 29.

I visited this lodge officially on the 27th December, and installed its officers. I found it in good working order, and the officers well up in their work, the books neatly and correctly kept, the finances satisfactory. The lodge is moving steadily along, and there is every indication that the foundation laid will prove a superstructure perfect in all its parts.

I trust the brethren of this lodge will make every effort to secure a more commodious hall, as the inconvenience of the room they at present occupy prevents them doing their work in as perfect a manner as they are capable of doing.

DORIC LODGE U. D.

Commissioned by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I accompanied by V. W. Bro. J. C. Stoyte, Bros. Hopkins and Hamilton, visited Boissevain on the 30th June, and instituted this lodge and invested its officers. I was very pleased to meet so many well skilled brethren taking an interest in the work, and predicted for the lodge a bright future, which so far has been verified. The lodge numbers at present 26 Master Masons, and tenders are being received for the erection of a hall 24x40 feet. I have much pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted them, feeling confident that this lodge will be an honor to the Craft.

In conclusion, allow me to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of this district for the honor conferred on me, in electing me to this responsible position; also for the very courteous manner in which they have always treated me whenever I have had the pleasure of visiting them, and I assure them that I shall ever look back to the past year with feelings of pleasure and gratification.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. OVAS,
D. D. G. M., Brandon or No. 5 District.

Souris, January 26th, 1887.

No. 6.—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to report that during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master for Alberta District, six new lodges have been instituted. I have great pleasure in reporting this fact as showing that Masonry is progressing satisfactorily with the development of these Territories.

I regret being unable to visit all the lodges in my district, as the duties of my office call upon me to do. In apologizing for my failure to do so, I would ask your Most Worshipful Lodge to consider the extent of the District, the number of lodges in the district, and the great distances between the lodges.

In drawing the attention of the Grand Lodge to these facts, I would respectfully request your consideration of the disadvantages the lodges in the North West Territories labor under for want of proper Masonic instruction, and a careful supervision of their labors and proceedings, such instruction and supervision being especially necessary where so many new lodges are being formed. Having brought this matter to your notice, I can with every confidence leave it to be dealt with as your wisdom may direct

I granted dispensations to the following lodges to appear in regalia:—Bow River Lodge No. 28, Calgary; Wascana Lodge No. 23, Regina; and Moosomin Lodge U. D., Moosomin These lodges celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by a public ball in their respective places, and the dispensations were granted for that purpose. In so doing I may have exceeded my

authority, but I beg to state that the time between the applications and the date of the celebration prevented me from laying the matter before the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

Acting under instructions from the Grand Master, I instituted the following lodges :

On April 28th, Qu'Appelle Lodge, U.D., Qu'Appelle Station, Assiniboia. This lodge was formed with eleven charter members, with W. Bro. James Weidman as first Master. Under his experienced guidance this lodge is progressing steadily and satisfactorily.

On May 4th, Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, at Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia. This lodge was formed with eight charter members ; present membership, twelve. The lodge is not great in numbers but the members are working zealously and harmoniously for the benefit of the craft.

On May 5th, Moosomin Lodge, at Moosomin, Assiniboia. Charter membership, eleven ; at present on the roll, nineteen. Moosomin Lodge is fortunate in having a Worshipful Master of experience and an efficient staff of officers. The lodge is progressing very satisfactorily.

I visited Indian Head Lodge on the 14th inst. This lodge is at a great disadvantage from the fact of W. Bro. Eberts, its first Master, leaving Indian Head to reside in Winnipeg. The brethren, however, are earnest and zealous in their work, and with the necessary instruction will be able to conduct the lodge in a creditable manner.

At Wascana Lodge No. 23, I have been a regular attendant. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, and with its present staff of officers will continue to increase in numbers and efficiency.

The other lodges in my district I have not visited, but from trustworthy information received, I am in a position to state that while some lodges have decreased in numbers, the others have been steadily gaining in strength, and that the financial condition of all the lodges in Alberta district is in a fairly satisfactory condition.

I beg to thank the Grand Secretary for his courtesy in furnishing me, when required, valuable and prompt information.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deep sense of the honor conferred upon me at your last Annual Communication.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

J. A. KERR,
D. D. G. M., Alberta or No. 6 District.

No. 8.—MOROCCO DISTRICT.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Proxy for Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, Tangier, Morocco, submitted the following report: –

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

In the absence of a report from the District Deputy Grand Master of Morocco District, I beg to submit the following particulars, gleaned from letters received, and from other sources, regarding the condition of our African subordinate:

Before referring to the progress of the lodge, a brief description of the City where it is located may be of interest to the brethren here assembled.

"Tangier," as described by a correspondent of the 'London Times,' lies "in a S. W. line 35 miles distant from Gibraltar, and tourists from Europe "flock to this pretty watering place to gain a glimpse of the wild Moorish life "that exists so close to Europe. Crossing the Straits, the traveller passes in "three or four hours from the culture of English life in Gibraltar to the barba- "rism of the Middle Ages. Indeed, he may be said to pass from modern to "ancient history, for in dress, manners and occupation, the people are much "the same as they were in the days of Abraham. Tangier is a beautiful city "as seen from the sea; its walls and towers are white and shining in the sun, "but it soon reminds one of the 'white sepulchre,' full of the dead bones of a "decaying, though once chivalrous race. Its narrow, stony streets, deeply "coated with filth and mud, are crowded with a numerous population—pic- "turesque to the eye, but squalid and poor to a painful degree.

"There are no wheels in Morocco. Not a carriage of any kind ever tra- "verses the narrow streets of the city or the highways of the country. This "fact alone will show how deep is the barbarism that still exists in this great "country, lying, nevertheless, nearer than any other to the very gates of "Europe. The condition of the people is as bad as that of the roads, and may "be expressed in the single word, 'oppression'"

The introduction of Masonry into Morocco was owing to the exertions of R. W. Bro. R. Stewart Patterson, the first W. M. of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Winnipeg; afterwards District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Canada, for the (then) Masonic District of Manitoba; and subsequently appointed Special Deputy Grand Master for the District of Morocco, by the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. "Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18" was organized at Gibraltar, that being the centre from which the various lines of steamers trading to the Barbary States, radiate, it being for special reasons considered advisable to work there for a short time, to be afterwards transplanted to Tangier, when the interests of Masonry demanded. Owing to protests made by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, against what they termed an invasion of their territory, the Lodge was at once transferred to Morocco. Shortly after its removal, R. W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Patterson, who was then and is now Chaplain to Her Majesty's Forces at Gibraltar, severed his connection with the Lodge, thus abandoning his cherished plans

for the opening of other lodges in the different cities and seaports of Morocco. The name of the lodge, which literally means "The Far West," was happily chosen, its charter being obtained from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in "The Far West" of America. It was also the name given to Mauritania by its Saracen conquerors.

The first officers were as W. M., Bro. J. R. Ballard, a Canadian captain in service ; as S. W., Bro. Rev. H. Bullock, a Canadian Mason and Chaplain to Forces ; as J. W., Bro. A. Benrais, a Moorish resident. The change from Gibraltar to Tangier checked for a time the growth of the Lodge, but during the past two years it has been steadily progressing, its membership now numbering (38) thirty-eight.

It can boast of more nationalities and creeds than many larger lodges, comprising English, French, Austrian, Belgian, Spanish, Turkish, Pogtuguese and Brazilian ; also Christian, Jewish and Mohammedan members. Its local charitable fund does much good. Besides relieving many distressed members and several travelling brethren, a small monthly allowance has been voted to the widow and orphans of a deceased brother.

The lodge continues on the most cordial terms with the English, Scotch and Irish lodges in Gibraltar, as well as with the Spanish lodge, Saieda. The members decline to hold intercourse with the two lodges working under charters from the Grand Lodge of Seville, although R. W. Bro. Levi A. Cohen, our District Deputy Grand Master, says :—" It would, I believe, tend to strengthen the Institution if we could see our way clear to hold intercourse with all lodges in the locality. All I know regarding the Grand Lodge of Seville, is that it is an independent Grand Lodge, and counts a very large number of lodges in Spain."

Owing to the strict quarantine regulations, consequent upon the prevalence of cholera in southern Europe, communication with the outside world was for a time interrupted, but during the past year letters have been regularly received, none of which indicate any desire on the part of the brethren in Morocco to transfer their allegiance to another Grand Body.

R. W. Bro. Cohen is a competent and faithful officer, and the management of the lodge is evidently in good hands. While the propriety of our chartering a lodge in that distant land may be open to question, yet while the brethren desire to give their allegiance to us, it is our duty to give them our aid and support, and further, they should rely on the sympathy of all true Masons.

Since the introduction of Masonry into the city of Tangier, a better feeling has prevailed amongst the various elements composing its population, and Freemasonry may yet be an important factor in giving freedom to the oppressed and down-trodden millions of that vast country.

I am, yours fraternally,

WM. G. SCOTT,

Proxy, Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18.

Winnipeg, February 8th, 1887.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, and

Resolved, That the Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters and that of the Proxy of Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned, as required by the Book of Constitution, submits his annual report, exhibiting such matters as may be worthy of your consideration.

Proceedings.

The Proceedings of our last Annual Communication were printed and distributed as early as was possible. I had hoped to have had them mailed from this office within twenty days after the close of the Communication, but the printers were unable to comply with my wishes in this respect, owing to the large amount of Government printing which they had on hand at that season. The work, however, was completed in less time than in any previous year. Our Grand Lodge concluded its labors on February 11th, and the Proceedings were mailed on March 15th. Three copies were sent to each Lodge in our jurisdiction ; one copy to each of our Grand Lodge Officers ; one copy to each Past Grand Master ; three copies to each of the Grand Lodges of Canada and the United States ; one copy to each of the Grand Lodges of Europe, South America and Australasia ; one copy to the publishers of each Masonic periodical published in Canada and the United States. The remainder have been retained for future binding and distribution.

Draft of Proposed Constitution.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at our last Annual Communication, the draft of the proposed Constitution was printed, three copies being sent to each lodge in our jurisdiction, and one copy to each member of Grand Lodge.

New Lodges.

Since the close of our last Annual Communication, dispensations have been issued from this office by direction of the M. W. Grand Master for the following new lodges :—

24th February, 1886. Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge. Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia. Thomas W. Jackson, W. M. ; William Sutherland, S. W. ; Samuel Crothers, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, D. D. G.M., and Wascana Lodge No. 23.

Instituted by R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, 4th May, 1886.

3rd April, 1886. Indian Head Lodge. Indian Head, Assiniboia. Herman

J. Eberts, W. M. ; George H. Gamble, S. W. ; Wm. A. B. Fishleigh, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, D. D G. M., and Wascana Lodge No. 23.

Instituted by W. Bro H. J. Eberts, P. M., 2nd June, 1886.

12th April, 1886. Qu'Appelle Lodge. Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia. James Weidman, W. M. ; A. C. Paterson, S W. ; A. N. Wismer, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, D. D. G. M , and Wascana Lodge No. 23.

Instituted by R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, 15th April, 1886.

21st April, 1886. Moosomin Lodge. Moosomin, Assiniboia. Joseph Daniel, W. M. ; John Tucker, S. W. ; John McGuirl, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, D. D. G. M., and Brandon Lodge No. 19.

Instituted by R. W. Bro J. A. Kerr, 5th May, 1886.

26th May, 1886. Doric Lodge. Boissevain, Manitoba. W. W. Ireland, W. M. ; S A. Cornell, S. W. ; Thomas H. Kellet, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, D. D G. M., and Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

Instituted by R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas.

27th May, 1886. Alberta Lodge Fort McLeod, Alberta. W. D. Antrobus, W. M. ; John Breadon, S. W. ; Duncan J. Campbell, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, D. D. G. M., and Bow River Lodge No. 28.

Instituted by W. Bro. A. M. Morden.

26th June, 1886. Battle Lodge. Battleford, Saskatchewan Montague H. W. Fraser, W. M. ; H. J. Montgomery, S. W. ; Gordon Rolph, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. John A. Kerr, D. D. G. M., and Kinistino Lodge No. 16.

Instituted by W. Bro. Terrence H. G. O'Brien.

22nd January, 1887. Birtle Lodge. Birtle, Manitoba. F. G. Lewis, W. M. ; D. W. Cumming, S. W. ; J. E. Mann, J. W. Recommended by R. W. Bro. E. O. Denison, D. D. G. M., and Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14.

The Dispensation of Medicine Hat Lodge was continued.

The petitions for these Dispensations, the certificate of standing of the petitioners, the recommendations of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the nearest lodges, the reports of the special deputies appointed to institute same, together with the minute books and returned Dispensations, are herewith submitted for your action.

Grand Representatives.

Commissions have been issued from this office by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, to the following named brethren to represent this Grand Lodge near the following named Grand Lodges :

8th May 1886. W. Bro. Jesse W. Carmichael, of Ozard, near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

10th December, 1886. W. Bro. Abjah Wells, of Seneca, near the Grand L dge of Kansas.

5th January, 1887. W. Bro. A. A. Gibson, of Hope, near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Commissions have been received at this office appointing the following named brethren Representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :

21st October, 1885. R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, of Brandon, for the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

17th May, 1886. R. W. Bro. James Leslie, of Minnedosa, for the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

1st November, 1886. R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

14th November, 1886. M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of England.

26th December, 1886 R. W. Bro. James A Ovas, for the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

The following named Grand Lodges have not yet appointed Representatives near this Grand Lodge :—Georgia, Ireland, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Representatives of this Grand Lodge have not yet been appointed near the following named Grand Lodges :—England, Ireland, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Australia, Vermont and West Virginia.

Returns of Lodges.

The usual blank returns were sent to all the lodges early in December, accompanied with an urgent request that the same be completed and returned to this office not later than January 6th, 1887. I am pleased to report that for the first time in ten years all the returns have been received, although a great deal of coaxing and urging was brought into requisition before the desired end was accomplished.

It is not pleasant to be obliged, year after year, to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the delinquencies of the secretaries of several of our lodges in forwarding returns and dues. Could these procrastinating brethren know the inconvenience to which they subject us, by delaying these returns until two weeks after the date on which we are required by the Constitution to close our books, I am confident there would be no further trouble in this respect.

I have made a careful examination of the returns received and submit the following as the result :

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1. Returns received December 30th, 1886. Fails to report Past Masters and Master Masons under proper heads.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2. Returns received January 6th, 1887. Omits age, occupation and residence of a joining member.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. Returns received December 28th, 1886, and presented the neatest appearance of any of the returns, and is the model report of the year, not a single error having been found.

St. John's Lodge No 4. Received January 5th. Several errors were found.

Hiram Lodge No 5 Received January 21st. Neatly and correctly prepared.

Emerson Lodge No. 6. Received January 20th, after several letters had been sent to the Secretary. This lodge is improving, as the returns were only fourteen days late. Should the present Secretary be continued in office a few years longer, I have no doubt we should yet be enabled to report this lodge "on time" The Secretary fails to report the name of a re-instated brother.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7. Received January 20th, after several requests for same had been sent. Very defective. This lodge has been in existence since 1878, and has not yet procured a seal.

King Solomon Lodge No. 8. Received January 10th. Reports as officers those previously reported as suspended or dimitted. Omits names of members without showing how membership was terminated.

Oakland Lodge No. 9. Received January 12th. Very defective.

Northern Light Lodge No. 10. Received January 29th. This lodge, which meets in Winnipeg, is usually the last to send in returns, and this year was not an exceptional one in this respect. However, after several letters had been written, and three personal calls made on the Secretary, I succeeded in obtaining the returns in time to submit to the Committee on Credentials. Reports three members dimitted, but fails to give names.

Gladstone Lodge No 11. Received January 13th, being seven days late. Neatly and correctly prepared.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12. Received December 29th. Omits the name of a P. M. under the proper head.

Belmont Lodge No. 13. Received January 7th. Neatly and correctly prepared.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14. Received January 6th. Omits numbers of lodges in reporting joining members.

Corinthian Lodge No. 15. Received January 27th. Signatures of W. M. and Secretary not affixed.

Kinistino Lodge No. 16. Received January 20th, and found correct.

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17. Received January 13th. Fails to give Christian names. No seal attached.

Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18. Returns of work done to 25th Octo-

ber, 1886, received December 1st. At our last Annual Communication I was obliged to refer to the delinquency of this lodge in forwarding its returns, but within one week after my report had been submitted to Grand Lodge a letter was received from R. W. Bro. Levi A Cohen explaining that the de ay in forwarding returns was caused by the strict quarantine regulations which existed in Southern Europe at that time. During the past year the returns have been promptly received. Many errors and omissions have been found, but there are extenuating circumstances in the case of this lodge, situated as it is so far from the parent body, and comprising in its membership so few English-speaking brethren. R. W. Bro Cohen is doing his utmost towards getting the record of this lodge into proper shape, and I have no doubt his efforts will be crowned with success.

Brandon Lodge No. 19. Returns received January 10th. Several errors found.

Pembina Lodge No. 20. Received January, late as usual, although the necessity for promptitude was fully impressed upon the Secretary. A change has been made in the S. E. corner, and I trust that a change in conducting the business of the lodge will be the result.

Marquette Lodge No. 21. Returns received January 11th. Omits age and occupation of a newly admitted brother.

Pequonga Lodge No. 22. Returns received December 30th, and found correct.

Wascana Lodge No 23. Returns received January 20th. Delay was caused by the absence of the Secretary of last year. Report neatly and correctly prepared.

Neepawa Lodge No. 24. Returns received January 6th. Their neatness and correctness deserve honorable mention.

Ionic Lodge No. 25. Returns received January 3rd. Omits Christian names.

Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26. Returns received January 6th. Omits Christian name and age of a joining brother.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27. Returns received January 4th. Neatly and correctly prepared.

Bow River Lodge No. 28 Returns received January 13th. Gives the numbers of lodges incorrectly in reporting joining members.

Carberry Lodge No. 29 Returns received January 8th, and found correct.

Manitou Lodge No. 30. Returns received January 31st. It would require too much space to fully express my views regarding this lodge. Errors were found in the returns, and letters asking for information were treated with such indifference that I was obliged to obtain an order from the M. W. Grand Master requiring that the minute book should be forwarded to this office. I made

a careful examination of same, and found the transcript crude. The late Secretary has been promoted to the office of W. M., and a new Secretary elected to fill the vacancy thus created. I must express the hope that the promoted officer will discharge his new duties more satisfactorily than he has those of the office he has recently vacated, and that the brother who has succeeded to these duties will be a decided improvement on his predecessor. Should these hopes not be realized, I am of the opinion that the objects of Masonry would be better subserved by transplanting this lodge to a more healthy and genial locality.

Lodges U. D.—The returns of the several lodges working under dispensation were, with two exceptions, found correct. Those of Qu'Appelle Valley, Alberta, and Doric Lodges deserve honorable mention.

Total number of Chartered Lodges enrolled	30
Number of Lodges making correct returns	12
Number of Lodges making incorrect returns	18
Number of Lodges making returns on or before 6th January	13
Number of Lodges making returns after 6th January	17

It is a matter for regret that we cannot congratulate the subordinate lodges on any improvement in their returns when compared with those of former years. If lodges would continue in office from year to year an efficient secretary, when one has been found, much of this unnecessary trouble and annoyance would be avoided. The affairs of the lodge would be conducted on business principles; the dues would be collected promptly, and suspension for non-payment of dues would be a rare occurrence. The reports to Grand Lodge would be so far improved that errors therein would be the exception and not the rule.

Lodges in Arrears.

The following named lodges have failed to remit the full amount of fees and dues with returns:

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17.
Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18.
Pembina Lodge No. 20.
Manitou Lodge No. 30.

The officers of lodges have been frequently reminded that failure to meet their obligations to Grand Lodge is a violation of the law, as the fees and dues are not the property of the lodges, but are held by them in trust to be remitted in all cases with the dues for the current half year.

Registers and Letter Files.

A large amount of work other than that of the usual routine character, has been performed during the past year. The Grand Lodge Register, procured at the organization of our Grand Lodge, had become so disfigured with the many corrections that it was found necessary to make therein, that the Board

of General Purposes, on our recommendation, consented to the expenditure of an amount sufficient to procure two large registers. Into these books the work of the past twelve years has been transcribed. I have endeavored, with partial success, to obtain the following information relative to the brethren whose names appear therein: The Christian names in full; the dates of all initiations, passings and raisings; the names, numbers and locations of the lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members; the age, occupation and residence of each when received; and the dates of all withdrawals, expulsions, suspensions, restorations and deaths. This work necessitated a large amount of correspondence, as, in a number of cases, I was obliged to communicate with brethren in Africa, Australia, and other distant countries. The records are not yet complete, but I trust with the assistance of the Secretaries of the constituent lodges, to be in a position to report at our next Annual Communication that the work is ready for your approval. In this connection I desire to return my thanks to the most courteous and obliging Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, for his kindness in supplying us with copies of the rolls of Prince Rupert's, Lisgar and Ancient Landmark Lodges from the dates of their organization to the formation of our Grand Lodge. In this way I have obtained much information that it would have been difficult to procure from any other source.

Neat letter files have also been purchased, in which the correspondence of this office for the past twelve years has been alphabetically arranged. Thus part of my endeavor has been to bring order out of chaos, although the ordinary work of the office has been far in excess of any previous year.

Recapitulation of Tabular Statement.

Membership Returns.

Members reported in 1886			1350
Members overestimated, non-reporting lodges			10
Actual number of members, 27th December, 1885			1340
Initiated	183		
Passed	191		
Raised	177		
Joined	98		
Charter members of new lodges	92		
Re-instated	12	—	379
			1719
Rejected	40		
Dimitted	82		
Died	8		
Suspended for non-payment of dues	60		
Suspended for unmasonic conduct	1	—	151
Total number of members on Rolls, 27th December, 1886			1568
Increase last year			228

Number of Chartered Lodges	30
Number of Lodges U. D	9
Lodge reporting largest membership—	
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	159
Lodge reporting smallest membership—	
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	13

FINANCIAL.

The books and vouchers have been duly submitted to the Board of General Purposes for examination and audit. You will see by the balance sheet prepared for your inspection that we have a balance of $1172 06
Deduct from this our liabilities 303 60

Leaves a balance of $868 46

Which will be sufficient to meet current expenses until June.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would respectfully recommend that all new lodges to which charters may be granted at this Session, and all those organized hereafter be supplied with a seal, a full set of books and all necessary forms, the cost of same to be taxed to said lodges The Board of General Purposes or Committee on Finance to select standard sets, and fix the prices at which they are to be supplied to the several lodges.

I would further recommend that the model code of By-laws submitted herewith, be adopted for the government of Lodges U. D., and recommended for adoption by the Chartered Lodges in our jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro George Black, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from the 12th February, 1886, to the 5th February, 1887 :

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$56 75			$901 71
2.	Lisgar	64 25	21.	Marquette	25 75
3.	Ancient Landmark	168 00	22.	Pequonga	75 25
4.	St. John's	71 75	23.	Wascana	30 25
5.	Hiram	50 50	24.	Neepawa	12 25
6.	Emerson	50 00	25.	Ionic	39 75
7.	Assiniboine	22 50	26.	Moose Jaw	21 25
8.	King Solomon	18 50	27.	Glenwood	26 00
9.	Oakland	51 25	28.	Bow River	41 25
10.	Northern Light	35 25	29.	Carberry	22 00
11.	Gladstone	28 00	30.	Manitou	11 50
12.	Stonewall	30 25		Medicine Hat, U.D.	29 00
13.	Belmont	55 50		Qu'Appelle Valley, U.D.	18 00
14.	Prince of Wales	31 00		Indian Head, U D.	21 00
15.	Corinthian	17 50		Qu'Appelle, U.D.	20 00
16.	Kinistino	42 25		Moosomin, U.D.	33 70
17.	Saskatchewan	29 00		Doric, U.D.	19 00
18.	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	72 46		Alberta, U.D.	27 00
19.	Brandon	71 00		Battle, U. D.	30 50
20.	Pembina	36 00		Birtle, U.D.	10 00
		$901 71		Total	$1515 16

CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, from 12th February, 1886, to 5th February, 1887 :—

Dr.		Cr.		
1887.		1886.		
Feb. To receipts	$1515 16	June 26. By Grand Treasurer		$256 50
		Aug. 11 " " "		336 25
		Oct. 11 " " "		120 50
		Dec. 31 " " "		211 46
		1887.		
		Jan. 13 " " "		290 75
		Feb. 5 " " "		299 70
	$1515 16			1515 16

RECAPITULATION.

Initiations	$174 00
Arrears	145 96
Certificates	348 00
Dues	683 95
Dispensations	37 00
Charters	80 00
Constitutions	14 45
Life Members' Fees	10 00
Historical Registers	4 00
Lisgar Lodge (overpaid)	1 00
Medicine Hat Lodge U. D. (overpaid)	20 00
	$1,518 36
Less Balances at credit in Ledger, 11th February, 1886	3 20
	$1,515 16

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

The following accounts have been paid as per vouchers :—

180.	H. J. Anstie, testimonial to M. W. Bro. John H. Bell	$155 00
181.	John McBride, Grand Tyler	15 00
182.	Joseph Hursell, assistant to Grand Tyler	5 00
183.	Grand Secretary, salary 3 months	100 00
184.	Walker & May, printing	60 00
185.	Wm. G. Bell, refreshments for Grand Lodge	50 00
186.	London Guarantee Co., Grand Treasurer's bond	22 50
187.	Walker & May, printing, etc	81 90
188.	Grand Secretary, salary 3 months	100 00
189.	Walker & May, printing, etc	85 50
190.	H. B. Rose, rent 3 months	24 00
191.	Sun Printing Co., advertising	12 50
192.	Grand Secretary, postage	21 20
193.	Grand Secretary, fixtures	13 00
194.	Pettibone Manufacturing Co., certificates	50 00
195.	Wm. G. Bell, duty on certificates	17 05
196.	Clark & Maynard, samples of certificates	3 15
197.	Thomas W. Taylor, blank books, etc	17 00
198.	Walker & May, printing, &c	8 00
199.	Grand Secretary, postage	5 60
200.	G. C. Mortimore, books, etc	4 80
201.	Grand Secretary, salary 3 months	100 00
202.	H. B. Rose, rent 3 months	24 00
	Carried forward	$975 20

	Brought forward	$975 20
203.	S. J. Sargant (on acc't) Grand Master's regalia	150 00
204.	S. J. Sargant, balance " " "	45 00
205.	London Guarantee Co., Grand Secretary's bond	15 00
206.	Grand Secretary, salary 3 months	100 00
207.	John McBride, service as Tyler, Lodge of Instruction	3 00
208.	G. C. Mortimore, fixtures, &c	9 35
209.	Wm. Jordan, hack hire	11 00
210.	Walker & May, stationery, &c	12 25
211.	H. B. Rose, rent, 3 months	24 00
212.	Grand Secretary, library account	28 60
213.	Grand Secretary, postage, &c	34 22
214.	London Guarantee Co., Grand Treasurer's bond	22 50
215.	Clark & Maynard, life members' certificates	40 00
216.	Grand Secretary, postage, &c	22 80
217.	G. C. Mortimore, stationery, &c	3 70
218.	John Chambers, copying	30 00
		$1,526 62

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

The following amounts have been received since my report was closed. These amounts will be carried over and included in the report for the next Masonic year :

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17	$25 50
Pembina Lodge No. 20	15 25
Manitou Lodge No. 30	1 05

One lodge is still in arrears, namely Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18. The delay is no doubt caused by the irregularity of the mail service. I quote the following from letters received from R. W. Bro. L. A. Cohen, bearing date 15th September, 1886, and October 25th, 1886. In the former Bro. Cohen says :—"It would tend much towards setting our financial standing right were you to let us know by return the exact amount of our indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, up to the last report, so that we may send the amount."

In the latter he further says :—"I trust you will soon favor us with the statement of our account to last half year, so that we may cover it by return, and start clear of all debts."

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. George Black, and

Resolved, That the Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WINNIPEG, February 8th, 1887.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date, showing :

Balance on hand, February 8th, 1886	$1,167 42
Received from Grand Secretary	1,515 16
Received from Federal Bank of Canada, interest	16 10
Total	$2,698 68
Warrants paid, Nos. 180 to 218 inclusive	1,526 62
Leaving balance on hand this date	$1,172 06

JOHN MCKECHNIE, GRAND TREASURER,

In Account with the GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A. F. & A. M.

DR.			CR.		
1886.			1886.		
Feb. 8.	To balance	$1167 42	Feb. 15.	By Order No. 180	$155 00
May 29.	Int. on Sav'gs Bank deposit	7 90	19.	" " 181	15 00
				" " 182	5 00
June 28.	Cash	256 50		" " 183	100 00
Aug 12.	"	336 25	Mch. 11.	" " 184	60 00
Oct. 16.	"	120 50		" " 185	50 00
1887.			20	" " 186	22 50
Jan. 5.	"	211 46	Apr. 10.	" " 187	81 90
12.	"	290 75	May 14.	" " 188	100 00
27.	Int. on Sav'gs Bank deposit	8 20	26.	" " 189	85 50
				" " 190	24 00
Feb. 5.	Cash	299 70		" " 191	12 50
				" " 192	21 20
				" " 193	13 00
			June 11.	" " 194	50 00
				" " 195	17 05
				" " 196	3 15
		$2698 68		" " 197	17 00

June 11.	By Order No.	198..	8 00
	" "	199..	5 60
	" "	200..	4 80
Aug. 21.	" "	201..	100 00
	" "	202..	24 00
Sep. 22.	" "	203..	150 00
Oct. 15.	" "	204..	45 00
	" "	205..	15 00
Nov. 5.	" "	206..	100 00
24.	" "	207..	3 00
	" "	208..	9 35
	" "	209..	11 00
	" "	210..	12 25
	" "	211..	24 00
	" "	212..	28 60
	" "	213..	34 22
1887.			
Jan. 13.	" "	214..	22 50
	" "	215..	40 00
Feb. 2.	" "	216..	22 80
	" "	217..	3 70
	" "	218..	30 00
	Balance		1172 06
			$2698 68

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Grand Treasurer.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Canon J. D. O'Meara, seconded by W Bro. D. J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer's Report be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

REPORT OF GRAND LIBRARIAN.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

It is my pleasant duty to submit for the first time my report as your Librarian. In doing so I think a short history of our library from the date of inception may be of interest to the Grand Lodge.

At our second Annual Communication held in June, 1877, R. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, Grand Secretary, "strongly urged upon Grand Lodge the propriety of organizing a Masonic Library for the benefit of the Craft in this jurisdiction,

and acknowledged the receipt of bound volumes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, from the date of its organization. In the following year, 1878, he (Bro. Bell) reported that the Chairman of the Library Committee had purchased a book case, and the books and pamphlets of the office had been handed over to the committee for the use of the library. At the Annual Communication held in February, 1879, the Grand Secretary again reported that "During the past year the Grand Lodge library had been increased by the addition of valuable Masonic publications, presented by V.W. Bro. A. J. Symonds and R. W. Bro. James Henderson"

In February, 1880, the undersigned, then acting Grand Secretary, reported the addition of a number of reprints and Proceedings from other Grand Lodges. No further reference to the library is made in our Proceedings until 1885, when the undersigned, finding that all the valuable books referred to by his predecessors, except the bound volumes of Iowa, had disappeared, recommended that an annual appropriation be made for library purposes. In accordance with this recommendation the sum of $25 was voted, and the following year (1886) the appropriation was increased to $100.

The correspondence during the past year in the interests of the Library has been somewnat large, but I have been rewarded for this extra labor by the receipt of many missing copies of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges, and desire here to return my thanks to the following Grand Secretaries for their kindness in assisting to complete our files : –

R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Alabama.
" " Fay Hempstead, Arkansas.
" " E. C. Neufelder, British Columbia.
" " Alex. G. Abell, California.
" " E. C. Parmalee, Colorado.
" " Chas. T. McCoy, Dakota.
" " D. C. Dawkins, Florida.
" " L. L. Munn, Illinois.
" " J. C. Murrow, Indian Territory.
" " T S. Parvin, Iowa.
" " H. Bassett, Kentucky.
" " Cornelius Hedges, Montana.
" " Wm. R. Bowen, Nebraska.
" " J. H. Hough, New Jersey.
" " E. M. L. Ehlers, New York.
" " John D. Caldwell, Ohio.
" " F. J. Babcock, Oregon.
" " Michael Nisbet, Pennsylvania.
" " John H. Isaacson, Quebec.
" " Christopher Diehl, Utah.

Our thanks are also tendered to the following named authors for copies of their respective books :

R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, G and Secretary, Little Rock, Arkansas, Random Arrows.

Bro Chester Glass, "The World, Around it and Over it."

M. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas White, Minister of the Interior, for valuable maps and reports.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, for passing entries at Custom House on books from the United States, is entitled to our thanks.

The library now consists of over two hundred bound volumes, while over one hundred more volumes are now in this office, awaiting the completion of the series, when they will be ready for the book-binder.

The following is a complete list of the various books, magazines, &c., in the library at the present time :

TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND BODIES.

Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Alabama ..... 3 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas ..... 3 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Canada, from its organization in 1855 to and including the year 1885 ..... 7 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of California ..... 6 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut ..... 2 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota ..... 1 vol.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Florida ..... 2 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Idaho ..... 1 vol.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Illinois ..... 6 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory ..... 1 vol.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Iowa from date of its organization to and inclusive of the year 1884 ..... 9 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Indiana ..... 1 vol.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky ..... 10 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Kansas ..... 2 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana ..... 11 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Maine ..... 9 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts ..... 3 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Michigan ..... 8 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi ..... 7 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Missouri ..... 5 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Montana from its organization to and including the year 1884 ..... 4 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico ..... 1 vol.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York ..... 10 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales ..... 1 vol.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio ..... 3 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Oregon ..... 1 vol.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ..... 6 vols.

Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Texas ..... 5 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Utah ..... 2 vols.
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont ..... 4 vols
Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia ..... 2 vols.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Anton's Classical Dictionary ..... 1 vol.
Blackwood's Magazine ..... 3 vols.
Canadian Craftsman ..... 11 vols.
Ceremonials Grand Lodge of Illinois ..... 1 vol.
Constitution and Ceremonials, Iowa ..... 1 vol.
Crusades, History of—Major Proctor ..... 1 vol.
Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire—Gibbon ..... 5 vols.
"Digest"—Chase's ..... 1 vol.
Digest of Kentucky ..... 1 vol.
Edinburgh Review ..... 10 vols.
England, History of—T B. Macaulay ..... 3 vols.
Essays, Miscellaneous—T. B Macaulay ..... 3 vols.
Encyclopedia of Free Masonry ..... 1 vol.
Egyptian Signs and Symbols—Porter ..... 1 vol.
Free Masonry, History of in Scotland—D. Murray Lyon ..... 1 vol.
Free Masonry, History of—Rebold ..... 1 vol.
Free Mason's Monitor—Z. A. Davis ..... 1 vol.
Law Book of Nebraska ..... 1 vol.
Lancaster Lodge, Pennsylvania, History of ..... 1 vol.
Lexicon of Free Masonry—Mackey ..... 1 vol.
Masonic Harp ..... 1 vol.
Masonic Ritualist—Mackey ..... 1 vol.
Masonic Parliamentary Law—Mackey ..... 1 vol.
Plutarch's Lives ..... 3 vols.
Portland Lodge, Maine, History of ..... 1 vol.
Random Arrows—Fay Hempstead ..... 1 vol.
The World, Around it and Over it—Chester Glass ..... 1 vol.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report :—

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to present its Annual Report.

Eight meetings have been held during the year. At the first meeting, R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson was re-elected Vice-President.

The Board authorized the withdrawal from the report of the Grand Secretary, and from the report of the Board thereon, those portions relative to action against Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, Tangier, Morocco, its returns having come to hand, with satisfactory explanations, before the Proceedings were in the printers' hands. The Board feels sure that Grand Lodge will approve of same.

In accordance with instructions from Grand Lodge, your Board has procured a set of regalia for the M. W. the Grand Master; and has adopted, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, a new form of Master Mason's Certificate, which will during the present communication be laid before you.

Your Board has ordered, and will receive within the present month, Life Members' Certificates, but is still in correspondence respecting Past Masters' Certificates

The manuscript of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication was examined by your Board previous to publication.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this session: V. W. Bro Alfred Mackeand, D. Hope, Thos. Robinson and D. J. Goggin. R. W. Bro. J. H. Kenning has left the jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER McGREGOR,
President Board General Purposes.

It was moved by R W. Bro. Peter McGregor, seconded by R. W Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted.

REPORT ON ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, on behalf of the Board, presented the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to present the following report on the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

The Board heartily joins with the Grand Master in recognizing the importance of the objects which bring us together as Masons; endorses his sentiments respecting the spirit which should characterize our deliberations, and warmly commends to the Craft his wholesome advice regarding the acts of Masons exemplifying to the world the principles of Masonry.

Your Board notes what the Grand Master says with regard to the hostility evinced against our Order in certain quarters, but feels that while Masons do their part in seeking to make the world better, they need fear no harm from attacks which are only due to a want of knowledge of the principles of the Order.

Your Board congratulates the Grand Lodge on its fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges, on the harmony existing within its jurisdiction, on its increase of membership, and on the establishment of so many new lodges. Your Board trusts that, in granting charters to these new lodges, due attention will be given to the special report concerning them.

Your Board notes the various Dispensations granted by our Grand Master. While your Board is confident that in every instance he was actuated by a due regard for the interests of Masonry in exercising his prerogative, it feels that too great care cannot be taken to avoid the asking or granting of dispensations which are in the slightest degree calculated to suspend the operation of any important Masonic law. In this connection your Board heartily concurs in the sentiment embodied in the remarks quoted by our Grand Master from M. W. Bro. Day, and would express the hope that, with the ample code of Masonic law now in existence, the rulers of the Craft will keep their dispensations strictly within the limits of the Constitution.

Your Board emphatically endorses our Grand Master's views on the utter undesirability of making use of the telegraph in asking for dispensation, or in communicating with the Grand Master on any subject affecting Masonic law, except in cases which are imperatively urgent.

Your Board endorses the action of the Grand Master in refusing to allow a lodge to be named after a living person, deeming it wise in the interests of Masonry that such a practice should not be permitted.

Your Board is glad to learn that the action of the Grand Lodge last session in abolishing affiliation fees, has been the means of inducing non affiliates to join lodges in this jurisdiction. It also recommends that the Grand Master's suggestion to the lodges to abolish joining fees be adopted.

Your Board congratulates the Grand Master on his appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, and hopes that he may long live to enjoy this high distinction. It cordially commends to those brethren who have been appointed Representatives to and from other Grand Lodges the opinions of the Grand Master respecting their duties.

Your Board agrees with the recommendation of the Grand Master respecting Pequonga Lodge, and expresses its warm appreciation of the truly Masonic spirit evidenced by the Grand Lodge of Canada. It recommends that the Charter be at once recalled.

The Grand Master's suggestion respecting the Grand Lodge of Peru is approved, and your Board advises that fraternal recognition be at once extended.

Your Board is gratified with the remarks of the Grand Master respecting the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, and has pleasure in recording the universal testimony borne by the lodges of the jurisdiction to his untiring zeal, thorough efficiency, and uniform courtesy. It is pleasing to know that the books of the Grand Lodge are in so satisfactory a condition.

Your Board expresses its hearty approbation of the holding of Lodges of Instruction by the Grand Master, and trusts that his example will be followed by the District Deputy Grand Masters in their respective districts. In this connection your Board affirms the desirability of each Rite adopting a definite Ritual, and, under proper safeguards, of affording duly installed Masters such facilities as will enable them to work in strict accordance therewith. In this way those departures from established usage so prejudicial to Masonry may be remedied. It also approves of a shortened form for lowering and raising while at work.

Your Board, aware of the benefits of a settled Constitution, expresses the hope that, guided by the experience of the past, and recognizing the needs of the present, you will, without losing sight of our "Ancient Landmarks," so carefully weigh the proposed changes that for many years there will be no need for further revision.

Your Board cordially concurs in the recommendation of the Grand Master that permission be asked to present to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on her jubilee, an humble address of congratulation, expressing our devoted loyalty to her as a constitutional ruler, our admiration of her as a woman, and our gratitude to her for her marked recognition of our Order.

Your Board recognizes the singleness of purpose that has characterized the actions of the Grand Master, commends his parting words to his successor in office, and joins him in prayer that the G. A. O. T. U. may guide our present deliberations and may strengthen our Order by cementing and adorning it with every moral and social virtue.

PETER McGREGOR,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson,

That the Report of the Board on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be received and adopted.

In amendment it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Clark,

That the clause in the report of the Board of General Purposes having reference to Pequonga Lodge, be referred back to the Board, to consider the proper arrangements to be made in the interests of Pequonga Lodge before recalling the Warrant, the Board to have full power to deal with the matter.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report :—

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The Board of General Purposes, after careful examination of the books of the several Lodges U. D., begs to report as follows :

Medicine Hat Lodge.—Dispensation granted June 16, 1885, and extended until February 1, 1887, by request of the Lodge. 10 charter members. 9 meetings. Initiated 4 candidates since February, 1886. Minutes properly kept in a good substantial book. The examination of a candidate for the Third Degree was in one instance dispensed with, on motion duly carried. This is a breach of the Constitution, and the Board trusts will not be repeated.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge.—Dispensation granted February 24, 1886. 9 charter members. 14 meetings. Initiated 8 ; affiliated 1. Minute book and Secretary's work therein would do credit to any lodge.

Indian Head Lodge.—Dispensation granted April 3, 1886. 9 charter members. 12 meetings. Initiated 8 ; affiliated 1. Minutes correctly kept, but in a book more suitable for a ledger than a minute book.

Qu'Appelle Lodge.—Dispensation granted April 12, 1886. 11 charter members. 14 meetings. Initiated 5 ; affiliated 2. Minutes well kept in a good minute book.

Moosomin Lodge.—Dispensation granted April 21, 1886. 17 charter members. 8 meetings. Initiated 4 ; affiliated 1. The minutes of this Lodge are admirably recorded, and reflect great credit on the Secretary.

Doric Lodge.—Dispensation granted May 26, 1886. 18 charter members. 9 meetings. Initiated 3 ; affiliated 2. Minutes very neatly recorded.

Alberta Lodge.—Dispensation granted May 27, 1886. 7 charter members, 6 meetings. Initiated 5, and 4 applications yet to be balloted on. Minutes in very good minute book, and records well kept.

Battle Lodge.—Dispensation granted June 26, 1886. 7 charter members. 13 meetings. Initiated 10 ; rejected 2. Minutes recorded in a most creditable manner, but in a book altogether unfit for the purpose.

The books and records of the above Lodges show that excellent progress has been made, and we have pleasure in recommending that charters be granted to all, as from personal knowledge of the abilities of a majority of their officers, as shown by their records, we consider them justly entitled thereto ; and should

our recommendation be carried out we are convinced that the reports submitted next year will show that your confidence was not misplaced.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PETER McGREGOR,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, seconded by R W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Warrants be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

R. W. Bro Wm. G. Bell gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow he would move the usual money grants for expenses attending the present session of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro Wm G. Bell gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow he would move that a grant of one hundred dollars be made in aid of the Grand Lodge Library.

R. W. Bro Wm. G. Scott gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow he would move that the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of a steel plate, for engraving M. M. Diplomas.

V. W. Bro. T. A. Cuddy gave notice that at the afternoon session to-morrow he would move that Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14 be re-imbursed for amount expended by it on behalf of the late Bro. Brock, not a member of any lodge in this jurisdiction.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place at 2 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:35 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 10:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 10th February, 1887.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10:30 a m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to be present at this Communication of Grand Lodge were read from M W. Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb, P. G. M., and R W. Bro. P. S McGregor, D. D. G. M. of Portage la Prairie District.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R W. Bro. P. McGregor, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report:

The Board with pleasure notes the progress made in Masonry in this jurisdiction during the past year, and gladly bears testimony to the zeal and attention displayed by most of the R. W. Brethren who have had the practical supervision of the craft; but it regrets that in some cases the returns from the D. D. G. M's have not been made with that promptness prescribed by the Constitution, and that in one instance—Emerson District—no return has been made.

The Board highly commends the well written and instructive report of R. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, D D. G. M. of District No. 1, and recommends its perusal to all officers holding a like position. It contains much information that is usually not found in documents of this kind, but should be.

The Board has read with pleasure the carefully worded and instructive report of R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Proxy for Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, and welcomes it as a valuable chapter in our Masonic history.

The Board agrees with R. W. Bro. J. A. Kerr as to the disadvantages the lodges in the North West Territories labor under, for want of proper instruction and a careful supervision of their work and proceedings, and recommends that districts be formed and set apart in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Assiniboia.

The Board would again urge that Lodges of Instruction be held in the respective districts, and thus secure uniformity and correctness in the work, and enable those looking to the East to become well skilled before presenting themselves for installation.

The Board begs to draw attention to the loose methods that seem to be followed in vouching for visiting brethren, and is strongly of opinion that in this matter the most rigid strictness should prevail. No brother can object to be examined by a board of trial, and no false delicacy should prevent the W. M. from appointing one.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PETER McGREGOR,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. McGregor, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Board, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, has carefully considered all matters contained therein, and begs to report on same as follows :

Proceedings.

Your Board must again commend the promptness of the Grand Secretary in having the Proceedings of last Grand Lodge printed and distributed to the brethren so shortly after the close of the session of Grand Lodge.

Returns.

It is with pleasure your Board notes the fact that the returns of all subordinate lodges have been received before the session of Grand Lodge. It is hoped that the officers of subordinate lodges will make every effort to have their returns in the hands of the Grand Secretary by the prescribed time in each year, and without any errors. This object could be attained if the returns were kept in view for some time before they are required to be sent, and some preparation made therefor.

Progress of Masonry.

The marked growth of membership, as shown by the Grand Secretary's

report, along with the fact that there has been quite a number of applications for the formation of new lodges, is noted with pleasure by your Board as showing very satisfactory evidence of the real progress of our beloved Order.

NEW REGISTERS.

Your Board is pleased to bear testimony to the evidences of the zeal displayed by our indefatigable Grand Secretary in the preparation of these new Grand Registers, and feels sure he is leaving no stone unturned to have all lacking information obtained. We cordially bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of all who can in any way assist him in his truly laudable and self-imposed task. When completed these Registers will be a credit to this Grand Lodge.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Board fully endorses the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, that each new lodge organized hereafter be supplied with a seal, a full set of books, and all necessary forms, the cost of same to be added to the fee for Warrant to the lodge. As to the Model Code of By-laws recommended by the Grand Secretary, your Board would suggest that the M. W. the Grand Master should appoint a committee of five members of Grand Lodge to examine same and report at the present session of Grand Lodge, so that, if adopted, they may be printed with the new Constitution.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PETER McGREGOR,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

R. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The Board, to whom was referred the Financial Statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, begs to submit:

That it has examined the books and vouchers carefully and has found the same to be correct. The balance of cash on hand at the end of the year, as shown by the Treasurer's statement, agrees with the bank pass book.

While it notes the fact that some of the expenditure of the past year is ex-

ceptional and does not belong to ordinary expenses, yet it feels constrained to express the wish that, if possible, each year's expenditure should fall within the income.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PETER McGREGOR,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Financial Statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, the M. W the Grand Master appointed R. W. Bros. W. C. Copeland, John W. Harris, W. J. Ptolemy, M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, and Bro. N. Agnew, a Committee to examine and report upon the Code of By-laws prepared by the Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COMMITTEES

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint, at the afternoon session, the various Committees recommended or suggested by this Grand Lodge.

REMUNERATION TO GRAND TYLER AND ASSISTANT.

It was moved by R. W. Bro Wm. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Dollars be paid the Grand Tyler for his services, and that Bro. Davis Little be paid Ten Dollars for his services as assistant to the Grand Tyler.

GRANT IN AID OF LIBRARY.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. A. Cuddy, and

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Librarian for library purposes.

PETITION FROM LISGAR LODGE.

The following petition from members of Lisgar Lodge No. 2 was presented and read :—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The petition of the undersigned humbly showeth that :

Whereas the R. W. the D. D. G. M. of District No. 1, as shown in his report to this Grand Lodge, has ordered that Bro. Arthur Walkley be reinstated to membership in Lisgar Lodge ;

And whereas the said report sets forth the fact that the brethren of Lisgar Lodge were almost unanimous in wishing that Bro. Walkley be not re-instated ;

And whereas it would appear from the statements of the representatives of Lisgar Lodge at this Grand Lodge, that the presence of the said brother in the Lodge will be prejudicial to the harmony of the Lodge ;

And whereas the said Bro. Walkley is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 5, and that the petition of Lisgar Lodge does not debar or exclude him from the privileges of Free Masonry ;

Therefore, they humbly pray, that the action of the Lodge in granting the dimit be, in this case, sustained.

R. DICKSON, *I. P. M.*
R. H. GILHULY, *W. M.*
WM. GIBBS, *P. M.*
JAMES S. GREIG, *P. M.*

It was moved by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. O. Denison, and

Resolved, That the petition of the brethren of Lisgar Lodge be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FROM THE D. D. G. M. OF MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I beg to submit the following supplemental report as D. D. G. M. of Minnedosa District :

On Tuesday, February 1st, 1887, I visited Corinthian Lodge No. 15, accompanied by V. W. Bro. T. A. Cuddy, of Minnedosa. On our arrival there we found that the officers of the lodge had not been installed on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. We therefore took the liberty of installing them on the occasion of my visit without the required dispensation from the M. W. the

Grand Master. trust that Grand Lodge will confirm my action in the premises, as I am fully convinced that it was in the interest of Masonry.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. O. DENISON,
D. D. G. M. No. 4, or Minnedosa District.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. A. Cuddy, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the report of the District Deputy Grand Master of Minnedosa District, be received, and his action in installing the officers of Corinthian Lodge No. 15, be confirmed.

MOTIONS CALLED FOR.

The M. W. Grand Master called for the motion of which R.W. Bro. J. K. Brydon had, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, given notice of his intention to move, which, if carried, would change part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and which notice of motion was as follows :

"That the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba shall only comprise brethren who have been duly installed as W. Masters in lodges holding warrants under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that brethren who have been duly registered as members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, previous to the adoption of this resolution, shall not be interfered with."

R. W. Bro. Brydon, who was present, said he did not desire to offer said motion, as it would no doubt be considered when the clauses of the revised Constitution were being adopted. The motion was therefore dropped.

V. W. Bro. T. A. Cuddy said he did not desire to offer the motion, of which notice was given at the previous session :

"That Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14 be re-imbursed for amount expended by it on behalf of the late Bro. Brock, not a member of any lodge in this jurisdiction."

This motion was also dropped.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:45 p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 p.m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

V. W. Bro. D. Hope, on behalf of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following supplemental report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of lodges begs to report that at the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge there are thirty lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, represented as follows:—Twenty-one by their duly qualified officers, six by proxies, and three are unrepresented.

The total number of votes entitled to be cast at this Annual Communication is 128.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. McCUAIG,
WM. G. BELL,
D. HOPE,
Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. McCuaig, seconded by V. W. Bro. D Hope, and

Resolved, That the Supplemental Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of Lodges be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz.:—M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, R. W. Bros. James Henderson, Alexander J. Belch, and V. W. Bro. Alfred McKeand.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Winnipeg, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr, Regina, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Souris, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Winnipeg, Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, Winnipeg, Grand Chaplain.

V. W. Bro. James Spiers Greig, Selkirk, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

W. Bro. David James Goggin, Winnipeg—No. 1 or Winnipeg District.

V. W. Bro. Walter Wallace Ireland, Boissevain—No. 2 or Emerson District.

R. W. Bro. Peter St. Clair McGregor, Gladstone—No. 3 or Portage la Prairie District.

R. W. Bro. James Leslie, Minnedosa—No 4 or Minnedosa District.

W. Bro. Frank White Peters, Brandon—No. 5 or Brandon District.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett, Prince Albert—No. 6 or Saskatchewan District.

R. W. Bro. Neville James Lindsay, M. D., Calgary—No. 7 or Alberta District.

R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, Tangier—No. 8 or Morocco District.

V. W. Bro. Titus Wilson Robinson, Moose Jaw—No. 9 or Assiniboia District.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

R. W. Bro. John Walter Harris, Winnipeg.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Winnipeg.

Subsequently the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

R. W. Bro. Daniel Hope, Winnipeg.

R. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy, Winnipeg.

R. W. Bro. John William Henry Wilson, of Winnipeg, to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Bro. William George Bell, elected Grand Junior Warden.

W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, of Winnipeg, to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Bro. James Hogan Kenning, who has left the jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Winnipeg, to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, elected Grand Master.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, on behalf of the Committee, presented and read the following report:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The Library Committee begs to report that it has visited the library, and has found the books well selected, carefully arranged, and securely housed. The Committee bears testimony to the great value of a good Masonic library, but feels that if more convenient quarters for the library could be secured, the wealth of Masonic information contained in its various books, reports, etc., would be more sought after by the brethren, and in this way Grand Lodge would derive more benefit from the sums yearly expended.

The Committee has examined the report of the Librarian, commends its statements to the careful consideration of the brethren, and urges that all who can aid the Librarian by gifts of suitable books should do so at their earliest convenience.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. J. GOGGIN.
T. ROBINSON.
J. STANLEY HOUGH.
Committee.

It was moved by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, seconded by V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Grand Librarian's report be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON MASTER MASONS' DIPLOMAS

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Board, in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge, prepared a form of Master Mason's Certificate, and asked for tenders for the engraving of the necessary plate. The lowest tender by a reputable firm was, including duty, $600. This sum was so much larger than your Board anticipated, that it did not feel at liberty to expend such an amount without the sanction of Grand Lodge. Your Board therefore submits this statement, and recommends that instructions be given it by Grand Lodge to secure the plate and take all further necessary action in the matter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PETER McGREGOR,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Master Masons' Diplomas be received and adopted.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

In amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. R. C. Fraser, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. H. Van Ettan, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING PEQUONGA LODGE.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. Canon J. D. O'Meara, and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge desires to place on record its high regard for Pequonga Lodge No. 22, and for its efficient discharge of the various duties devolving on it. This Grand Lodge desires further to express its regret that it

is necessary to cede that lodge to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and trusts that in its new relations Pequonga Lodge may be at least as happy as in the old.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, and

Resolved, That when the Charter and all other necessary documents of Pequonga Lodge No. 22, shall have been returned, and when they shall have been cancelled by the Grand Secretary, they shall then be returned to that lodge as a memento of its connection with this Grand Lodge.

THANKS TO WINNIPEG LODGES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, for the use of its regalia at the present session of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the various Lodges of the City of Winnipeg for their kindness in placing their hall at the disposal of Grand Lodge for holding its session.

THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Companies for the courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the companies named.

It was moved by W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the proprietors of the various hotels in the City of Winnipeg who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Communication.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, seconded by M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, and

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master do appoint a Committee to consider a method of dealing with special cases of benevolence which may arise, or may have arisen, from time to time in this jurisdiction.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE PRINTED.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed not less than eight hundred copies of the Proceedings of the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Committees :

On Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.—M. W. Bros. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson and John H. Bell, R. W. Bros. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara and John W. H. Wilson, and V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

On Short Form of Opening and Closing Lodges.—M. W. Bro. George Black, R. W. Bros. Wm. G. Scott and David J. Goggin, and V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:45 p. m., to meet again at 7:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 p. m.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

CREDENTIALS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Credentials of Representatives of sister Grand

Lodges were presented and accepted by the Grand Lodge, and the Representatives saluted with the customary Grand Honors, viz. :—

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, for the Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, for the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

R. W. Bro. Peter McGregor, for the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, for the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, assisted by M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. Grand Master notified the Grand Lodge of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, when the brethren named were duly installed and invested as follows :

V. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, Minnedosa, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " David Henry McFadden, Emerson, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William John McAdam, Carberry, Grand Director of Ceremonies
" " William Henry Seach, Winnipeg, Grand Sword Bearer.
" " Arthur Walter Ross Markley, Prince Albert, Grand Organist.
" " Roland C. Brown, Portage la Prairie, Grand Pursuivant.
" " Thomas Lewis Morton, Gladstone, Grand Steward.
" " Thomas Henry York, Morden, " "
" " John Montgomery, Stonewall, " "
" " Robert John Bell, Morris, " "
" " John Colwell, Brandon, " "
" " William James Hemenway, Carman, " "
" " Thomas Bellamy, Pilot Mound, " "
" " James Rogerson, Rapid City, " "

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODE OF BY-LAWS.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, on behalf of the Committee, presented and read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee, appointed to examine the Code of By-laws submitted by the Grand Secretary, begs to report that it has examined same, and submits the form herewith with such amendments as it noted therein.

Fraternally submitted.

W. C. COPELAND,
Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, seconded by R. W. Bro. John W. Harris, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on By-laws be received and adopted.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. ALFRED PEARSON.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. George Black, seconded by W. Bro. Richard Dickson, and

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master do appoint a committee to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W Bro. Alfred Pearson, P. G. M.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, That the Revised Constitution, as submitted by the Committee on Constitution at the last Annual Communication, be adopted in the place and stead of the present Constitution, which is hereby repealed.

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. John K. Brydon, seconded by W. Bro. James Weidman, That the Revised Constitution, as submitted by the Committee on Constitution at the last Annual Communication, be considered clause by clause.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

Sections Numbers One to Fifty-four were then adopted with the following amendments :

PART I.

Section 3—Amended by placing the District Deputy Grand Masters next in rank to the Grand Junior Warden.

Part of Section 5—Amended to read as follows: The stations of the officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

IN THE EAST—The Grand Master (on the throne), having on his right the Deputy Grand Master, the Past Deputy Grand Masters (in order the junior P. D. G. M. on the right of the D. G. M.) On the left of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters (the junior next to the Grand Master), and the Grand Chaplain.

IN THE WEST—The Grand Senior Warden, having on his right and left the Past Grand Senior Wardens.

IN THE SOUTH—The Grand Junior Warden, having on his right and left the Past Grand Junior Wardens.

In front of the Grand Master—On the right the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar; on the left the Past District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary, and Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Section 7—Amended by inserting the words "as proxy" after the word "represent" in the seventh line.

Section 8—Amended by inserting the word "unanimous" after the word "by" in second line.

Section 19—Amended by inserting the words "shall have the right to" after the words "Grand Lodge," in the first line, and the words "shall he wear" after the word "nor" in second line.

Section 23.—Amended by inserting the words "Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers and Committees," after the words "District Deputy Grand Masters," in fifth line.

Section 24—Amended by adding the words "except where otherwise provided for" after the word "matters" in first line, and striking out the words "Grand Wardens" in the eighth line, and inserting the word "three" after the word "any" in the tenth line.

Section 25—Expunged.

Section 30—Amended by striking out the word "solemnly" in second line.

Section 32—Amended by inserting the words "or no motion shall be put involving the expenditure of money" after the word "made," in the first line; and by striking out the word "day" and inserting in its stead the word "session" where it occurs.

Section 35—Amended to read as follows:—"The Grand Master, or presiding officer, at the Annual Communication, shall appoint three or more

scrutineers, who, having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, shall present their reports to Grand Lodge."

Section 36—Amended to read as follows: The election of the officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Annual Communication on the afternoon of the second day thereof, at an hour to be named at the previous session by the M. W. the Grand Master, and those present shall be duly installed or invested and proclaimed in due and ancient form

Section 37—Amended by placing the Grand Registrar next in rank to the Grand Secretary.

Section 38—Amended to read as follows: The District Deputy Grand Master for each district shall be nominated by the representatives of the lodges and Past Masters of such district present at the Annual Communication, by ballot, the Representatives and Past Masters voting in the same manner as upon the election of other officers, and confirmed by the Grand Master. In default of any nomination being made, the Grand Master elect shall appoint a duly qualified brother as District Deputy Grand Master, who shall have the same rank and privileges as if he had been previously nominated.

Section 42—Amended by striking out all after the word "elect" in first line.

PART II.

Section 47, Subsection 4—Amended by adding the following: "Provided the consent of the lodge or lodges having jurisdiction over the candidate is first obtained."

Section 47, Subsection 5—Amended by striking out the words, "or Masonic usage."

Section 47, Subsection 6—Amended by striking out the words "Masonic usage" in second line, and inserting the words "the Constitution."

Section 47, Subsection 7—Amended by striking out the words "until the next annual communication," and inserting the words "during his pleasure."

Section 47, Subsection 8—Amended by striking out the words "until the next annual communication," and inserting the words "during his pleasure."

Section 47, Subsection 11—Amended by striking out the word "usage."

Section 49—Amended by striking out the words "under sanction of Grand Lodge."

It was moved by R. W Bro. James A. Ovas, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, That the Constitution Committee be increased by adding thereto the names of M.W. Bros. Thomas Clark, John H. Bell, Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, George F. Newcomb, and Christopher F. Forrest, R. W. Bros. James Henderson and Roderick McCuaig, and W. Bros. Albert H. Van Ettan and John

Smith, that that part of the proposed Constitution not adopted by this Grand Lodge be referred back to said committee; that all members of this Grand Lodge having any amendments to suggest be requested to forward the same to the Grand Secretary within ninety days after the close of this communication, in order that they may be duly considered by the Committee; and that the final draft be submitted for adoption at the next Annual Communication.

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. James Henderson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, That the draft of Constitution, as submitted to this Grand Lodge, with amendments as adopted, be and is hereby adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that the present Constitution is hereby repealed.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

DRAFT OF CONSTITUTION TO BE PRINTED.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro Roderick McCuaig, and

Resolved, That the draft of the proposed Constitution, when prepared by the Committee on Constitution, be sent to each member of Grand Lodge at least thirty days before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to arrange, if possible, with the printer to keep the same in type until after the close of the Communication.

REPORT OF BOARD ON PETITION OF LISGAR LODGE.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson presented and read the report of the Board on the petition of Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

A motion to adopt the same having been submitted, a point of order was raised by W. Bro. Albert H. Van Ettan.

The M. W. Grand Master ruled the resolution out of order, it being a contravention of Section 8, page 21, Book of Constitution.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Friday, the 11th inst., at 4 p. m.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 4:30 p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PETITION FROM BRO. ARTHUR WALKLEY.

A petition was presented and read from Bro. Arthur Walkley, of Lisgar Lodge No. 2, praying that the action of R. W. Bro. William J. Ptolemy, D. D. Grand Master, in his case, be sustained by the Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R W. Bro. Edwin O. Denison, and

Resolved, That as the resolution adopting the report of the Board of General Purposes on the petition of the members of Lisgar Lodge No. 2 was ruled out of order, that the Board of General Purposes be allowed to withdraw its report on the petition of the W. M. and others of Lisgar Lodge No. 2, respecting the case of Bro. Arthur Walkley; and that the petition of Bro. Walkley, now before the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Board with instructions to consider it with the petition from the W. M. and others of Lisgar Lodge, and the report of the D. D. G. M.; and to report at the next annual Communication. In the meantime that the petition from the W. M. and others of Lisgar Lodge be taken as an appeal from the decision and ruling of the D. D. G. M.; and the petition of Bro. Walkley as a notice of defence, and that both parties be considered as appearing and consenting to the hearing of said appeal.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following committees:

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—R. W. Bros. William G. Scott, John W. H. Wilson, and David J. Goggin.

TO PROCURE AND PRESENT A SUITABLE TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. ALFRED PEARSON.—R. W. Bros. John W. H. Wilson and John McKechnie, V. W. Bro. John Y. Cain, and W. Bro. John S. Hough.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

1. By R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson—That the final draft of the revised Constitution as submitted by the Committee on Constitution, be adopted in the place and stead of the present Constitution, which is hereby repealed

2. By M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson—That it be one of the regulations of this Grand Lodge that lodges in this jurisdiction shall not be permitted to use intoxicating liquors at refreshment tables in their lodge rooms.

3. By R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin—That Emerson Lodge No. 6, be transferred to Winnipeg or No. 1 District.

4. W. Bro. W. F Ellis—That Emerson or No. 2 District be extended so as to include the villages of Boissevain and Deloraine.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge having been ended, it was closed at 5:45 o'clock p. m. in AMPLE FORM.

THOMAS CLARK,
Grand Master.

Wm. J. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES—December, 1886.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Time of Regular Meeting.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Rejected.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Died.	No of Members Dec. 27, 1885.	Present Membership.
1	Prince Rupert's*	Third Tuesday in each month	3	3	3	8	3	6	1	2			93	99
2	Lisgar*	First Tuesday in each month	10	9	10	3		3	7				57	67
3	Ancient Landmark*	Second Monday in each month	28	27	25	32	1	1	11	11			113	159
4	St. John's	First Wednesday in each month	7	6	6			2	4	11		2	108	99
5	Hiram	Friday on or before full moon	1	4	6	1		1					49	55
6	Emerson	Thursday on or before full moon	9	8	7		1	4	1	1			46	49
7	Assiniboine	Wednesday on or before full moon						2		1			36	33
8	King Solomon	Tuesday on or before full moon					1	1					13	13
9	Oakland	Tuesday on or before full moon	8	8	7				1				18	25
10	Northern Light	Last Wednesday in each month	3	3	2	4		3				2	58	59
11	Gladstone	Tuesday on or before full moon	2	1	2	1		1	1				42	44
12	Stonewall	Tuesday on or before full moon	3	5	6		2	5		7			35	31
13	Be mont	Thursday on or before full moon	9	9	10	1						1	43	53
14	Prince of Wales	Friday on or before full moon	3	3	3	5	1	1					38	46
15	Corinthian	First Tuesday in each month	1	2	1	1		6		1			34	29
16	Kinistino	Thursday on or before full moon	3	5	4			3	1	8			46	39
17	Saskatchewan	Monday on or before full moon	1	1	1			1		1			36	35
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Thursday after full moon	9	12	10	2		6			1		33	38
19	Brandon	Second Tuesday in each month	14	12	12	6	1	4	4	5		1	61	70
20	Pembina	Wednesday on or before full moon	2	1	1	2	1	6				1	30	27

* The three Lodges that constituted the Grand Lodge in 1875.

21	Marquette	Second Thursday in each month	2	4	2	3		1				32	36
22	Pequonga	Wednesday on or before full moon.	10	13	15	2		2	4	3	1	55	66
23	Wascana	First Tuesday in each month	2	3	3	4		1	1			39	45
24	Neepawa	Wednesday on or before full moon	1	1	1	3		1		1		18	20
25	Ionic	First Friday in each month	3	3	3	6		8				61	62
26	Moose Jaw	Second Tuesday in each month	3	2	2	2	1	4		5		30	26
27	Glenwood	Friday on or before full moon	1	1				1				17	16
28	Bow River	Monday on or before full moon	3	6	5	11		4	4	3		44	53
29	Carberry	Tuesday on or before full moon	2	3	3			4				20	19
30	Manitou	Friday on or before full moon										23	23
U.D	Medicine Hat	First Tuesday in each month	3	5	3	1						12	16
U.D	Qu'Appelle Valley	Tuesday on or after full moon	4	1	2	11							13
U.D	Indian Head	First Monday in each month	5	5	3	11							14
U.D	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before full moon	4	3	2	13							15
U.D	Moosomin	Wednesday on or after full moon	9	8	6	13							19
U.D	Doric	Tuesday on or before full moon	3	3	3	22							25
U.D	Alberta	First Tuesday in each month	4	3	3	8							11
U.D	Battle	First Thursday in each month	8	8	5	14							19
			183	191	177	190	12	82	40	60	1	8	1340	1568

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Post Office.	County.	W. Master.	Secretary.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	D. H. McMillan	Thos. W. Leggo.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Richard H. Gilhuly	Wm. M. Taylor.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Terence F. Kenty	Arthur E. J. Durrant.
4	St John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	James A. Payne	Alex. A. Aird.
5	Hiram	Kildonan	Selkirk	Norman Matheson	James A. Bell.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	David H. McFadden	William Mills.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Samuel R. Marlatt	Hugh S Paterson.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Robert J. Bell	Chester A. Skeffington
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	William J. Hemenway	William Badger.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Thomas Robinson	Francis B. Robertson.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Thomas Cory	Charles A. Creery.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar	John Montgomery	James Laurence.
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin	Charles B. Dunsford.	Lennox Whiteford.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Thomas A. Cuddy	Harry V. Carter.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	John Hewar	William M. Vaughan.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan		Thomas J. Agnew	Robert B. Way
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Alberta		Donald Ross	Francis D. Wilson.
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco, Africa		Abraham Pimienta	Joshua M. Benchimol.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	John Colwell	Joseph M. Robinson.
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound	Rock Lake	William McDonald	Thomas Bellamy.
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Byron M. Canniff	Cecil G. Woodside.
23	Wascana	Regina, Assiniboia		James A MacCaul	Francis J. Hunter.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	M. H Fieldhouse	James H. Davidson.

25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Lendrum McMeans	Napier H. Jackson.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia		James Brass	Rev. Sam'l J. Taylor.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Norfolk	James C. Stoyte	John B Roberts.
28	Bow River	Calgary, Alberta		James Brogden	Michael Harris.
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	William J. McAdam	William Dickie.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	William F. Ellis	Alexander Bethune.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat, Assiniboia		Thomas McPherson	James P. Mitchell.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia		Thomas W. Jackson	Frederick S. Proctor.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head, Assiniboia		George H. Gamble	Jacob A Kammerer.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia		James Weidman	George Murphy.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin, Assiniboia		Joseph Daniel	John Hewgill.
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	Walter W. Ireland	Fred A. Cooke.
37	Alberta	Fort McLeod, Alberta		William D. Antrobus	William Black.
38	Battle	Battleford, Saskatchewan		Mont. H. W. Fraser.	Herbert McCleneghan

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

No. 1.—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. David James Goggin, *Winnipeg.*

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk.
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg.
"	5—Hiram	Kildonan.
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg.
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall.
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg.

No. 2.—EMERSON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Walter Wallace Ireland, *Boissevain.*

No.	6—Emerson	Emerson.
"	8—King Solomon	Morris.
"	9—Oakland	Carman.
"	13—Belmont	Nelson.
"	20—Pembina	Pilot Mound.
"	30—Manitou	Manitou.

No. 3.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Peter St. Clair McGregor, *Gladstone.*

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone
"	21—Marquette	Portage la Prairie.
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa.

No. 4.—MINNEDOSA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Leslie, *Minnedosa.*

No.	14—Prince of Wales	Minnedosa.
"	15—Corinthian	Rapid City.

No. 5.—BRANDON DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Frank White Peters, *Brandon.*

No.	19—Brandon	Brandon.
"	27—Glenwood	Souris.
"	29—Carberry	Carberry
"	36—Doric	Boissevain.

No. 6.—SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle ..... Battleford.

No. 7.—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Neville James Lindsay, M. D., *Calgary.*

No. 17—Saskatchewan ..... Edmonton.
" 28—Bow River ..... Calgary.
" 37—Alberta ..... Fort McLeod.

No. 8.—MOROCCO DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, *Tangier.*

No. 18—Al Moghreb Al Aksa ..... Tangier.

No. 9.—ASSINIBOIA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Titus Wilson Robinson, *Moose Jaw.*

No. 23—Wascana ..... Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw.
" 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head ..... Indian Head.
" 34—Qu'Appelle ..... Qu'Appelle.
" 35—Moosomin ..... Moosomin.

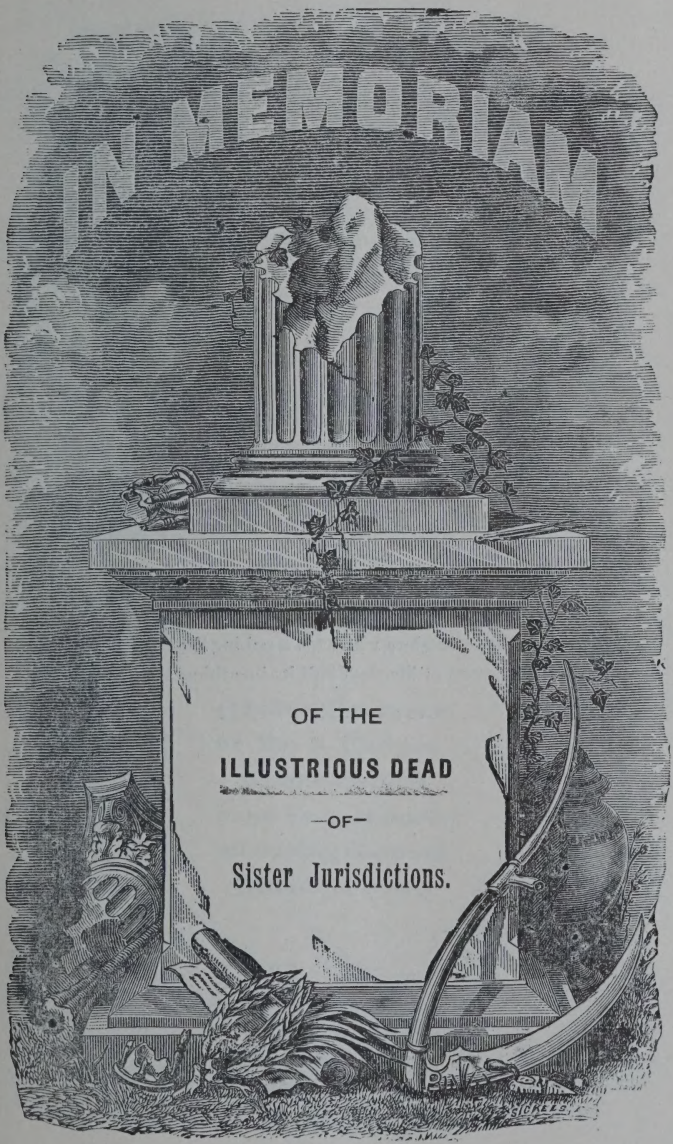
RECAPITULATION.

No. 1—Winnipeg District	8
" 2—Emerson District	6
" 3—Portage la Prairie District	4
" 4—Minnedosa District	2
" 5—Brandon District	4
" 6—Saskatchewan District	2
" 7—Alberta District	3
" 8—Morocco District	1
" 9—Assiniboia District	7
Total	37

DEATHS 6—5 LODGES.

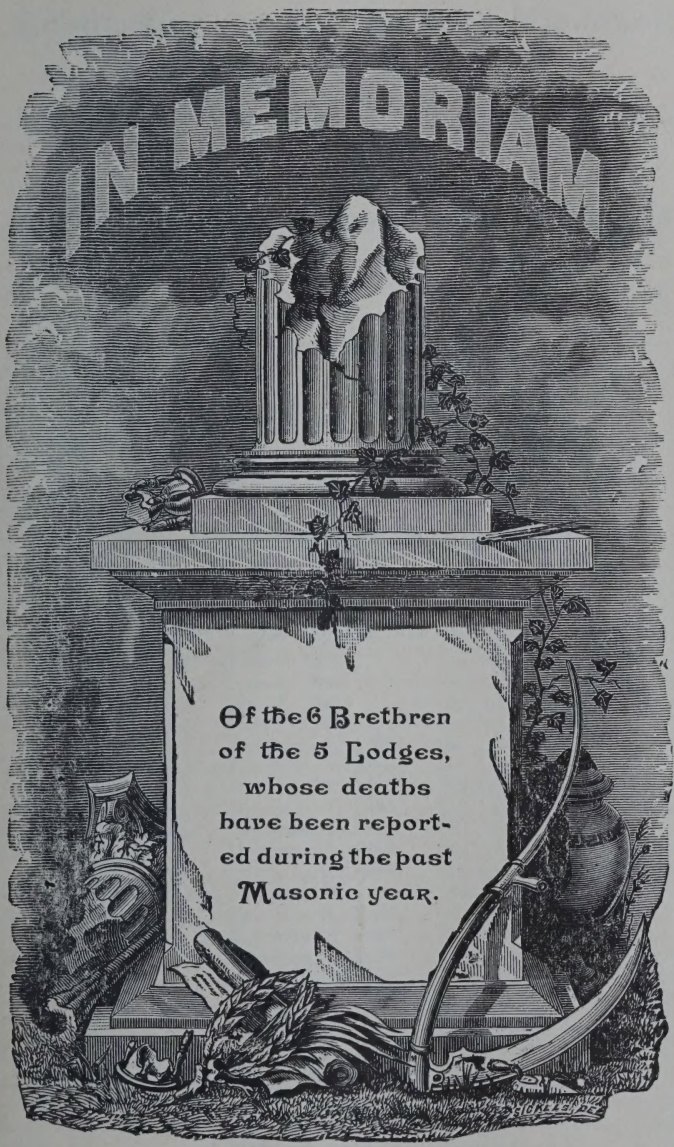
"Weep not for him who dieth—
For he sleeps and is at rest;
And the couch whereon he lieth
Is the green earth's quiet breast."

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
George Charles Swinbank	November 1, 1886	St. John's	4
Sedley Blanchard	March 7, 1886	Northern Light	10
George Benjamin Spencer	October 2, 1886	Northern Light	10
Andrew G. Paul	March 17, 1886	Brandon	19
Donald Hector McKenzie	January 12, 1886	Pembina	20
James Fetterley	October 8, 1886	Pequonga	22


IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
—OF—
Sister Jurisdictions.

"Death, thou art infinite:—'tis life is little."

"Can that man be dead
Whose spiritual influence is upon his kind?
He lives in glory; and his speaking dust
Has more of life than half its breathing moulds."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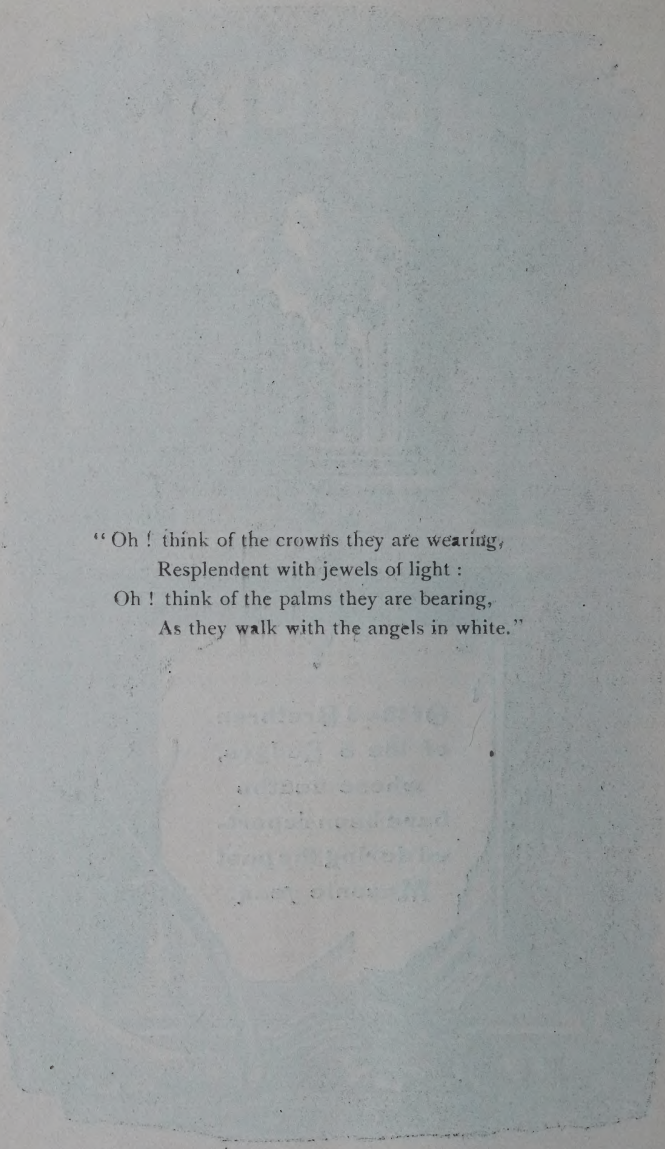
Of the 6 Brethren of the 5 Lodges, whose deaths have been reported during the past Masonic year.



"Oh! think of the crowns they are wearing,
Resplendent with jewels of light:
Oh! think of the palms they are bearing,
As they walk with the angels in white."

Suspension for Un-Masonic Conduct.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
Eduardo Cabo	June 20, 1886	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	18

Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Saul Martin	October 19, 1886	Prince Rupert's	1
Alexander Sinclair	October 19, 1886	Prince Rupert's	1
Gilbert A. Allan	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Frederick Barry	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Henry Date	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Henry Joseph Duffield	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Daniel John Houlhahan	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Colin Inkster	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Robert Little	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
John McKenney	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Robert John Orris	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
James N. C. Patton	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
James Albert Wright	May 10, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Samuel Law Kyle	June 2, 1886	St. John's	4
William U. McDonald	June 2, 1886	St. John's	4
Alexander Tait	June 2, 1886	St. John's	4
William H. Mitchell	June 2, 1886	St. John's	4
Clarence P. Stewart	June 2, 1886	St. John's	4
John Cuddy	December 1, 1886	St. John's	4
Thomas Perkins	December 1, 1886	St. John's	4
Henry White	December 1, 1886	St. John's	4
John McMillan	December 1, 1886	St. John's	4
George Charles Seach	December 1, 1886	St. John's	4
James McMillan	December 1, 1886	St. John's	4
Thomas Andrew Cole	December 27, 1886	Emerson	6
William Benjamin McNeil	May 12, 1886	Assiniboine	7
Daniel Ferguson	February 16, 1886	Stonewell	12
George Laing	February 16, 1886	Stonewall	12
David Hunter Scott	February 16, 1886	Stonewall	12
John A. Shearer	February 16, 1886	Stonewall	12
Isaac Walton	February 16, 1886	Stonewall	12
James Sutherland	May 11, 1886	Stonewall	12
Edward Triton Gurney	June 1, 1886	Corinthian	15
Alexander Dobbie	March 18, 1886	Kinistino	16
William Reginald Gunn	March 18, 1886	Kinistino	16
Gilbert McKay	March 18, 1886	Kinistino	16
Edward Stanley	March 18, 1886	Kinistino	16
George Tait	March 18, 1886	Kinistino	16
Chester Thompson	March 18, 1886	Kinistino	16
Herbert E. Porter	April 15, 1886	Kinistino	16
John Dickenson	April 13, 1886	Brandon	19
Alexander James Cameron	April 13, 1886	Brandon	19

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—Continued.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Charles B. Lockhart	April 13, 1886	Brandon	19
Arthur Thomas Timewell	April 13, 1886	Brandon	19
Simon Thompson	April 13, 1886	Brandon	19
Dugald Carmichael	June 24, 1886	Pequonga	22
Robert W. Emerson	June 24, 1886	Pequonga	22
Thomas Rooks	June 24, 1886	Pequonga	22
David Bryce	December 8, 1886	Neepawa	24
George Alfred Bubar	March 9, 1886	Moose Jaw	26
John H. Rowe	March 9, 1886	Moose Jaw	26
John William Belbain	March 9, 1886	Moose Jaw	26
Louis Patrick	March 9, 1886	Moose Jaw	26
Andrew Hardie	June 8, 1886	Moose Jaw	26
John Halleran Adams	December 6, 1886	Bow River	28
William Bannerman	December 6, 1886	Bow River	28
James Douglas White	December 6, 1886	Bow River	28

Restored.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
* Thomas Tweed		Prince Rupert's	1
James Fullerton	March 16, 1886	Prince Rupert's	1
Joseph Dubberly	November 16, 1886	Prince Rupert's	1
Walter Laurens	November 16, 1886	Prince Rupert's	1
James Henderson	September 13, 1886	Ancient Landmark	3
Edward Barrett Tatchell	July 15, 1886	Emerson	6
William Alex. McLean	November 2, 1886	King Solomon	8
Isaac Walton	August 10, 1886	Stonewall	12
Peter Handyside	January 15, 1886	Prince of Wales	14
Alexander James Cameron	June 8, 1886	Brandon	19
Louis Patrick	July 13, 1886	Moose Jaw	26

* Included in list of suspensions in error, he having previously dimitted.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1887.

M. W. Bro Thomas Clark, Winnipeg.....Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr, Regina.....Deputy Grand Master.
" " David James Goggin, Winnipeg.....D. D. G. M.
" " Walter Wallace Ireland, Boissevain.....D. D. G. M.
" " Peter St. Clair McGregor, Gladstone.....D. D. G. M.
" " James Leslie, Minnedosa.....D. D. G. M.
" " Frank White Peters, Brandon.....D. D. G. M.
" " Rev. Canon James Flett, Prince Albert.....D. D. G. M.
" " Neville James Lindsay, M. D., Calgary.....D. D. G. M.
" " Levi Abraham Cohen, Tangier, Morocco.....D. D. G. M.
" " Titus Wilson Robinson, Moose Jaw.....D. D. G. M.
" " James Alexander Ovas, Souris.....Grand Senior Warden.
" " William George Bell, Winnipeg,.....Grand Junior Warden.
" " Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, Winnipeg. .Grand Chaplain.
" " James Spiers Greig, Selkirk.....Grand Registrar.
" " John McKechnie, Winnipeg.....Grand Treasurer.
" " William George Scott, Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, Minnedosa.....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " David Henry McFadden, Emerson.....Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William John McAdam, Carberry .Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " William Henry Seach, Winnipeg.....Grand Sword Bearer.
" " Arthur Walter Ross Markley, Prince Albert.....Grand Organist.
" " Roland C. Brown, Portage la Prairie.....Grand Pursuivant.
" " Thomas Lewis Morton, Gladstone.....Grand Steward.
" " Thomas Henry York, Morden.....Grand Steward.
" " John Montgomery, Stonewall.....Grand Steward.
" " Robert John Bell, Morris.....Grand Steward.
" " John Colwell, Brandon.....Grand Steward.
" " William James Hemenway, Carman.....Grand Steward.
" " Thomas Bellamy, Pilot Mound.....Grand Steward.
" " James Rogerson, Rapid City.....Grand Steward.
" John McBride, Winnipeg.....Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr, Deputy Grand Master ..... Regina.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Past Grand Senior Warden ..... Winnipeg.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " John A. Kerr, Deputy Grand Master ..... Regina
" " George Black, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " George F. Newcomb, Past Grand Master ..... Deloraine.
" " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " John H. Bell, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " C. F. Forrest, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
" " Alfred Pearson, Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, D. D. G. M. ..... Winnipeg.
" " Walter W. Ireland, D. D. G. M. ..... Boissevain.
" " Peter St. Clair McGregor, D. D. G. M. ..... Gladstone.
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" " Titus Wilson Robinson, D. D. G. M. ..... Moose Jaw.
" " James Alexander Ovas, Grand Senior Warden ..... Souris.
" " William George Bell, Grand Junior Warden ..... Winnipeg.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, P.D.D.G.M., G.L. of Manitoba. Winnipeg.
" " William G. Scott, Grand Secretary ..... Winnipeg.
" " John Walter Harris, Past Deputy Grand Master ..... Winnipeg.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson ..... Winnipeg.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. John William Henry Wilson, P. Grand Senior Warden. Winnipeg.
W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell ..... Winnipeg.
R. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy ..... Winnipeg.
V. W. Bro. Daniel Hope ..... Winnipeg.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM THE DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

DATE	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. CHAPLAIN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Rev. W. C. Clarke*	Hon. W. N. Kennedy.*	Jas. Henderson.	S. L. Bedson....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	Col. John Kennedy*	H. T. Champion..	John H. Bell.....
1876	Hon. W. N. Kennedy*	James Henderson.	S. L. Bedson....	G. F. Newcomb.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	J. W. Harris.....	John H. Bell.....
1877	G. F. Newcomb ..	James Henderson.	John W. Harris.	E. G. Conklin ..	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	J. J. Johnston	Col. John Kennedy*	John H. Bell.....
1878	G. F. Newcomb ..	John W. Harris...	Simon Duffin...	F. T. Bradley*..	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	J. J. Johnston	Col. John Kennedy*	John H. Bell.....
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris...	Simon Duffin...	R. McCuaig....	Rev. James Flett..	J. J. Johnston	James Munro.....	John H. Bell.....
1880	John H. Bell.. ...	E. G. Conklin	Hon. G. McMicken.	J. M. McGregor	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	D. G. Dick	Wm. G. Scott....
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1882	John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott	Alfred Pearson..	C. F. Forrest...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston	D. G. Dick	H. D. P. LeCappelain.‡
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1885	C. F. Forrest	Alfred Pearson....	P. McGregor ...	Thos. Collins ...	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	John McKechnie..	J. W. H. Wilson..	Wm. G. Scott....
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* Dead.

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‡ Expelled.

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Idaho	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Illinois	Samuel L. Bedson	Rockwood.
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Iowa	Thomas Clark	Winnipeg.
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Souris.
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
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Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg.
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Missouri	James Munroe	Springfield.
Montana	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Nebraska	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.
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New Mexico	George F Newcomb	Deloraine.
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New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia	David B. Murray	Winnipeg.
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Oregon	A. G. McKenzie	Stonewall.
Pennsylvania	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
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Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg.
Scotland	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
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South Carolina	Gilbert McMicken	Winnipeg.
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Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.

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PROCEEDINGS

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

—AT THE—

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FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Winnipeg..... .....Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr, Regina..... .Deputy Grand Master.
" " James Alexander Ovas, Souris..... ....Grand Senior Warden.
" " William George Bell, Winnipeg..... " Junior Warden.
" " Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, Winnipeg, Grand Chaplain.
" " William George Scott, Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary.
V. " " Daniel Hope..... .....as " Senior Deacon.
" " David Henry McFadden, Emerson..... " Junior Deacou.
" " Arthur Walter Ross Markley, Prince Albert, Grand Organist.
" " Roland C. Brown, Portage la Prairie....Grand Pursuivant.
" " Thomas Lewis Morton, Gladstone..... . " Steward.
" " John Montgomery, Stonewall..... " Steward.
" " James Rogerson, Rapid City..... " Steward.
" " John McBride, Winnipeg..... " Tyler.

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" " James Leslie..... No. 4, or Minnedosa District.
" " Frank White Peters.....No. 5, or Brandon District.

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V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Lewis Morton, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

W. Bro. Alexander Grant McKenzie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Peru.

Past Grand Officers.

R. W. Bro. George Black.....Past Grand Master.
M. W. " Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson, " " "
" " John Headley Bell..... " " "
" " Alfred Pearson..... " " "
R. W. " James Henderson..... " Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. " John Walter Harris..... " " " "
" " William George Scott..... " " " "
" " Peter McGregor..... " " " "
" " David Gemmill Dick .....Past District DeputyGrand Master
" " Roderick McCuaig ..... " " " "
" " Willard C. Copeland ..... " " " "
" " William John Ptolemy..... " " " "
" " Robert Meiklejohn ..... " " " "
" " Simon Duffin..... " Grand Senior Warden.
" " Roderick McCuaig ..... " " " "
" " John William Henry Wilson... " " " "
" " Alexander James Belch ..... " " Junior Warden.
" " Thomas Collins..... " " " "

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" " David Gemmill Dick,
V.W. " John Leslie,
" " J. Y. Cain,
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" " William Tower Walker,
" " John James Jackson,
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" " Charles Sutter,
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R.W. " Simon Duffin,
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" " William George Bell,
V.W. " Richard Wm. Allan Rolph,
" " Daniel Hope,
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W. " Andrew Schmidt,
V.W. " ArthurWalterRossMarkley
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" " John Montgomery,
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W. " James Johnson White,
V. " " Roland C. Brown,
" " Byron Marcus Canniff,
" " James Weidman,
R. " " James Alexander Kerr,
R. " " John William Henry Wilson
R. " " Willard C. Copeland,
M. " " Thomas Clark,
" " James John Dunlop,
" " Lendrum McMeans,
" " John O'Donohue,
V. " " John Thomas Colton,
R. " " James Alexander Ovas,
" " Herman Joseph Eberts.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 8:40 P. M., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O T. U. upon all the proceedings.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the constitution, appointed R W. Bros. Willard C. Copeland, Thomas Robinson, and V. W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz :—

No. 1.—Prince Rupert's Lodge, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. Niven Agnew, W. M.; Bro. Robert White Woodroofe, S.W.; Bro. John Henry D. Munson, J. W.

No. 2.—Lisgar Lodge, Selkirk.

W. Bro. James George Dagg, W. M.; Bro. John Buchanan, J. W.

No. 3.—Ancient Landmark Lodge, Winnnipeg.

W. Bro. Joseph Cornell, W. M.; Bro. William Andrew Windatt, J. W.

No. 4.—St. John's Lodge, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, W. M.; Bro. Arthur Stewart, S. W.; Bro. Samuel Gibson G. Thompson, J. W.

No. 5.—Hiram Lodge, Kildonan.

W. Bro. Roderick Ross McDonald, W. M.; Bro. John Fadden Campbell, J. W.

No. 6.—Emerson Lodge, Emerson.

W. Bro. Duncan Henry Cameron, W. M.

No. 7.—Assiniboine Lodge, Portage la Prairie.

W. Bro. John Aldham K. Drummond, W. M.; Bro. Richard Taylor, S. W.

No. 9.—Oakland Lodge, Carman.

W. Bro. Frank Duncan Stewart, W.M.; Bro. James F. White, S.W.; Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw, J. W.

No. 10.—Northern Light Lodge, Winnipeg.

Bro. Charles Osborn Wickenden, S. W.

11.—Gladstone Lodge, Gladstone.

W. Bro. Archibald St. Clair McGregor, W. M.; Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor, S. W.

No. 13.—Belmont Lodge, Morden.

W. Bro. Byron Fraser, W. M.

No. 14.—Prince of Wales Lodge, Minnedosa.

R. W. Bro. James Leslie, Proxy.

No. 15.—Corinthian Lodge, Rapid City.

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Proxy.

No. 19.—Brandon Lodge, Brandon.

R. W. Bro. Frank White Peters, Proxy.

No. 23.—Wascana Lodge, Regina.

W. Bro. James Allan McCaul, W. M.

No. 25.—Ionic Lodge, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. Hyman Miller, W. M.; Bro. Charles J. Jamieson, S. W.; Bro. Napier Herbert Jackson, J. W.

No. 26.—Moose Jaw Lodge, Moose Jaw.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Proxy.

No. 28.—Bow River Lodge, Calgary.

Bro. Edwin Robert Rogers, J. W.

No. 29.—Carberry Lodge, Carberry.

W. Bro. Michael Collins, W. M.; Bro. William Dickie, J. W.

No. 30.—Manitou Lodge, Manitou.

W. Bro. William Francis Ellis, W. M.; Bro. Robert Waldie, J. W.

No. 32.—Medicine Hat Lodge, Medicine Hat.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Proxy.

No. 33.—Indian Head Lodge, Indian Head.

W. Bro. Herman J. Eberts, Proxy.

No. 34—Qu'Appelle Lodge, Qu'Appelle.

W. Bro. James Weidman, Proxy.

No. 35.—Moosomin Lodge, Moosomin.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Proxy.

No. 37.—Alberta Lodge, Fort McLeod.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Proxy.

No. 38.—Battle Lodge, Battleford.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Proxy.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business, when it was moved by M. W. Bro Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the hours of business, be considered as read.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro John W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Twelfth Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 9th, 10th and 11th days of February, 1887, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren assembled in Grand Communication :—

Grand Master's Address.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

"Again the silent wheels of time
Their annual round have run ;"

And the high position in which you placed me a year ago, makes it my privilege to welcome you most heartily to our thirteenth annual communication. How short the time since last we met.

" Still on it creeps,
Each little moment at another's heels,
Till hours, days, years, a century make up
Of such small parts ; and men look back
Worn and bewildered, wondering how it is."

Yet it is so, another year has gone, and it is not in our power to recall one

of its precious moments, or its golden opportunities; but their record is on high, and we will meet it when we are summoned to the Grand Lodge above. For we are taught that all our words and actions are not only observed, but are recorded, by the Most High, to whom we must give an undisguised account of our conduct through life. If, then, we are conscious of failure in the past, let us begin *now* to amend, and let the fruits of our good resolutions be apparent at the sessions of this communication in loving and kindly forbearance with each other, agreeing to differ where we cannot see eye to eye, and each one vieing with his brother in the endeavor to accomplish the object of our assembling. I am quite sure you all unite with me in giving devout thanks to the Giver of all Good for the blessings of peace, and for the sunshine and rain which have filled our barns with plenty, and gladdened the hearts of the stalwart toilers who have made their homes on the fertile and almost boundless prairies of this magnificent country, which is undoubtedly destined ere long to be the home of prosperous and happy millions. Brethren, we have the grandest country that the sun shines on, the best form of government in the world, and the noblest Queen that ever graced a throne or swayed a royal sceptre. If we are not a thankful and contented people, we ought to be.

Address to Her Majesty.

According to your instructions given at our last annual communication, a congratulatory address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the occasion of her "Jubilee," was prepared by Past Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Matheson; Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Canon O'Meara; and Past Senior Grand Warden, J. W. H. Wilson; and forwarded by the Grand Secretary. In due course its receipt was acknowledged. We have thus had the pleasure and the high honor of contributing our quota towards the unqualified success of one of the most notable and glorious events in ancient or modern history.

"God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen."

Amended Constitution.

The Committee on Constitution have completed their labors, the result of which will be submitted for your approval, and I sincerely hope that valuable time will not be consumed in its needless discussion. The fact that the committee comprises many of the ablest masonic jurists in the jurisdiction, and that some of them have been most assiduous in their endeavors to make it as nearly perfect as possible, is a very good guarantee that the brief and fragmentary discussion that could be given to it on the floor of Grand Lodge, would tend to mar rather than to improve it. Its partial adoption last year, and the fact that

the old ones were long ago exhausted, make it of the first importance that its amended form should secure your approval at this communication.

Brethren, let the sequel prove that "a word to the wise is sufficient."

Masonic Congress in Chicago.

My best thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Most Worshipful Brother Darrah for his fraternal invitation to attend the recent congress of Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters, in the city of Chicago, but press of business and the "Interstate Commerce Law" combined to prevent my acceptance. The same causes hindered me from attending the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at which I had a most kind and cordial request to be present. It is needless to say that the success which attended both occasions was most gratifying to me, and that my non-attendance involved a great deal of self-denial.

Pequonga Lodge.

Pequonga Lodge has, according to previous arrangement, surrendered its warrant to us, and received one from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I hope that all Grand Lodges will under similar circumstances do as we have done in this case.

Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian.

My warmest thanks are due to R. W. Bro. Scott, Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, for the painstaking manner in which he has performed his arduous duties. His unwearied attentions have made the duties of your Grand Master very light and exceedingly pleasant. I am quite aware that on occasion he wields a somewhat caustic pen, but I also know that when he does so there is good and sufficient cause, and hence I would advise the brethren who have winced under his fraternal castigation to take their whipping and say nothing beyond promising to do better in the future. The value of his praise is increased tenfold by the fact that he never bestows it where it is not deserved.

His services as Grand Librarian have elicited the eulogies of sister Grand Lodges, especially the Grand Lodge of Iowa (of which I have the honor to be Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge), and which is acknowledged to have the best Grand Lodge Library building and one of the best libraries in the world. There can be no doubt that Bro. Scott will be retained in his present position as long as he is willing to serve. "Grand Masters come, and Grand Masters go, but the Grand Secretary goes on for ever."

Dispensations Issued.

August 5th, 1887.

Battle Lodge, No. 38—To hold an election of officers out of time, owing to the removal of the Worshipful Master (who is an officer in the Northwest Mounted Police) to Regina.

Bow River Lodge, No. 28—To confer the third degree upon Bro. George Lane in less time than one month. It being the occasion of my official visit, I was anxious to see the degree conferred.

December 12th, 1887.

To Belmont Lodge, No. 13—To elect its officers out of time.

To Lisgar, Emerson, Indian Head, and Qu'Appelle Lodges—To wear regalia at divine service on Sunday, June 26th, 1887.

January 4th, 1888.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7—To install officers at an emergent communication on 11th January, 1888.

January 16th, 1888.

Same Lodge—To install the Worshipful Master at regular meeting on 25th January, 1888.

January 14th, 1888.

Pembina Lodge, No. 20—To elect and install officers at regular communication on January 25th, 1888.

January 16th, 1888.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24—To install officers at emergent communication on January 13th, 1888.

Birtle Lodge, U. D.—Dispensation continued.

Deloraine Lodge—Meets at Deloraine on the Wednesday on or before full moon. Eleven petitioners. John Flesher, Worshipful Master; Thomas Henry Killett, Senior Warden; Peter Stuart, Junior Warden.

Hiram Lodge, No. 5—To install officers on December 30th, 1887.

Dispensations Refused.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 22—To wear regalia at a ball given under the auspices of the Lodge.

Alberta Lodge—To hold an election out of time, the reasons assigned being deemed insufficient.

Medicine Hat Lodge—To authorize the Senior Warden to confer degrees in the absence of the Worshipful Master.

Battle Lodge—To initiate a candidate at an emergent meeting without the seven days' notice required by the constitution.

The same Lodge—To wear regalia at a Masonic dinner.

Brandon Lodge—To wear regalia at a Masonic ball.

Brethren, I am very pronounced in my opinion that our "Lamb Skin" should very rarely be seen outside the tyled recesses of our lodge rooms. Needless display is not in harmony with the character of genuine Free Masonry. To thoughtful men her charm consists in the sublimity of her teaching, rather than in the glitter of regalia.

Grand Representatives Near other Grand Lodges.

March 9th, 1887. R. W. Bro. Nathaniel Turner, of Wayne, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

March 17th, 1887. V. W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, of London, near the Grand Lodge of England.

March 17th, 1887. R. W. Bro. James M. Levy, of Covington, near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

November 24th, 1887. W. Brother Alfredo Benavides, of Lima, near the Grand Lodge of Peru.

December 5th, 1887. R. W. Bro. Joseph Kidder, of Manchester, near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Grand Representatives Near this Grand Lodge.

March 14th, 1887. R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr, of Regina, for the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

March 21st, 1887. V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, *vice* V. W. Bro. Alfred McKeand, deceased.

April 2nd, 1887. V. W. Bro. Thomas Lewis Morton, of Gladstone, for the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

April 28th, 1887. W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Peru.

December 13th, 1887. R. W. Bro. David James Goggin, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

By-Laws Amended.

Changes have been approved in the by-laws of the following lodges :

Prince Rupert's	No. 1
Emerson	" 6
Northern Light	" 10
Gladstone	" 11
Brandon	" 19
Battle	" 38

New By-Laws Approved.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge	No. 32
Manitou Lodge	" 30
Doric Lodge	" 36
Battle Lodge	" 38
Qu'Appelle Lodge	" 34

Brethren, permit me to say just here, that I think it will be greatly to the advantage of the Craft when all the lodges adopt the Uniform Code of By-laws which has already received the sanction of this Grand Lodge.

Uniform Ritual.

Pray do not be startled, brethren, but consider thoughtfully, and weigh well

what I say. With a view to securing, as nearly as possible, uniformity of working, I offer the following suggestion :

That a committee, composed of an equal number of the best skilled past masters, representing both rituals now in use in this jurisdiction, be appointed by the Grand Master to consider the question of "Ritual," and report to Grand Lodge.

Official Visitations.

During the summer I visited the coast, and in Victoria it was my good fortune to meet Most Worshipful Brother Milne, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, who spared no pains to make my visit a pleasant one.

I also had the pleasure of sojourning for a couple of weeks in the beautiful and thriving town of Calgary. Of this town it may be truly said that "it is beautiful for situation." There I had the honor of making the first of my official visits, and the first official visit of any Grand Master to Bow River Lodge. I was delighted to find it (under the mastership of Worshipful Brother Brogden) in a very satisfactory condition. Many old Winnipeggers are on its roll of membership, and they are comfortably housed in a lodge room which is their own property, and unencumbered by a "mortgage." Right Worshipful Brother W. G. Reid, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton District, Grand Register of Canada, and Brother McMahon, also of Hamilton, happened to be in Calgary on the night of our meeting, and they visited the lodge. The reunion was an exceedingly pleasant one. The Second and Third Degrees were exemplified by Worshipful Brother Brogden and his subordinate officers in a manner that would do credit to any lodge in any jurisdiction ; and the entire personnel of the lodge gives the best possible assurance of the permanence and growth of the craft in that remote portion of our masonic realm. The superb banquet which followed would have satisfied even Northern Light lodge, that whatever may be the fact as regards railways, in the matter of masonic suppers there is no "monopoly" in this country. Best of all, the brethren conducted themselves in a manner that would have been enjoyed by their wives and daughters as much as it was by them.

I was gratified to find that, while they foresee the formation of a new Grand Lodge at some period in the future, they are quite willing that that period should be somewhat remote. My thanks are due to D. D. G. M. Lindsay, and several other brethren, for kind and courteous attentions shown me.

On Tuesday, November 1st, I visited Lisgar Lodge at Selkirk, accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother Black, Grand Junior Warden Bell, and several other brethren. The meeting was a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable one. The First Degree was conferred by Most Worshipful Brother Black in a manner worthy of his character as a skilful and cunning workman ; and the lecture on the tracing board given by Brother Stewart was one of the finest pieces of masonic work I have ever heard. I would recommend all young masons who wish to become well skilled to go and hear it. Grand Junior Warden Bell

surprised and edified us all by a lecture on "Masonic Symbolism," which proved him to be a diligent and clever student of our mystic art. I hope we may have many opportunities of profiting by his research. Lisgar Lodge is one of the best in the jurisdiction, and when I know that Most Worshipful Brother Black was its founder, I am not surprised at the satisfactory result.

On Friday evening, December 2nd, I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 25. The attendance was meagre, possibly because it is my own lodge, and Grand Masters, like prophets, have no honor in their own country. There happened to be no work, and I occupied a short time in giving a little wholesome advice, which, I think, was appreciated by the brethren. This is a good Lodge, has quite a number of Past Masters in the East, and a lot of excellent material on the floor. It is progressing somewhat slowly, but, I hope, surely.

Saturday, December 3rd, I visited Assiniboine and Marquette Lodges, at Portage la Prairie, accompanied by Grand Junior Warden Bell, Very Worshipful Brother Hope, Worshipful Brothers VanEttan and White, and Brother Kirkpatrick. To say that the visit was an unqualified success, is no exaggeration. A large and influential deputation met us at the station, and conducted us to very comfortable quarters at the Lorne Hotel. The beautiful lodge room was crowded to its utmost capacity at the meeting in the evening, and I assure you, brethren, your Grand Master was accorded a royal welcome. The second and third degrees were conferred in a superb manner. Right Worshipful Brother Bell delivered his admirable lecture, and I gave a brief address, the whole closing with refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee; and although the proceedings extended a little beyond midnight, I am sure our Grand Chaplain would have said that what we did was quite as proper for Sunday as for Saturday. I shall always cherish pleasant recollections of my visit to Portage la Prairie.

On Wednesday, December 7th, I visited St. John's Lodge; Monday, the 12th, Ancient Landmark; Wednesday, the 14th, Northern Light; and on Tuesday, the 20th, Prince Rupert's; being on each occasion accompanied by the grand officers resident in the city. The condition of these lodges will be fully set forth in the report of the District Deputy Grand Master. I shall therefore content myself with observing that each visit was an occasion of interest. The attendance at St. John's, Ancient Landmark and Prince Rupert's Lodges was a pleasant surprise to me, and in each case had more the appearance of a meeting of Grand Lodge than of a subordinate one. I feel bound to place it on record here that St. John's and Ancient Landmark Lodges have shown a degree of zeal in looking after unaffiliated masons that does them infinite credit, and I ask all the other lodges in the jurisdiction to go and do likewise.

On Tuesday, January 10th, an official visit was paid to Pilot Mound by Grand Secretary Scott, Grand Junior Warden Bell, and W. Bro. VanEttan, which will be quite equal in its good results to any visit that has been made this year. This lodge should be one of the most prosperous in the jurisdiction,

but from various causes it had fallen into a semi-dormant condition, which rendered this visit most opportune. Since it was impossible for me to go myself, I tender my best thanks to the zealous and able brethren who supplied my lack of service.

On the 14th January, I visited Brandon Lodge, accompanied by Junior Grand Warden Bell, W. Bro. VanEttan, Bros. Kirkpatrick, Haddick and Swinford. We were received in the most hearty and fraternal manner, and the meeting in the evening surprised me. The lodge room and its appointments are better than we have at present in this city, and when we are in our new quarters we will be only a little in advance of our brethren in Brandon. There were 50 brethren present although the thermometer registered 45 below zero. Of this I would like the members of Ionic and Northern Light Lodges to make a special note. The lectures in the first and third degrees were splendidly given by R. W. Bro. Bell and W. Bro. VanEttan. Our zealous and indefatigable Junior Grand Warden also delivered his lecture on the origin and symbolism of Masonry, much to the gratification and edification of all who were present.

I endeavored in my own address to give such advice as I thought would best improve the short time at my disposal. An oyster supper (in the refreshment room of the lodge), at which no beverage stronger than coffee was served, closed a most successful and enjoyable evening. It is due the Brandon brethren to say that the expenses of the visitors were paid by the lodge. This was also the case at Portage la Prairie and Pilot Mound.

On the 28th January, accompanied by my faithful lieutenants, Junior Grand Warden Bell and W. Bro. VanEttan, I paid an official visit to Manitou Lodge, and though last on the list, the visit was one of the most satisfactory and interesting of the series. Our route lay through the "Garden of Manitoba," the advantages of which as a location for settlement are such as cannot fail in the very near future to attract tens of thousands of those who are continually drifting away from the overcrowded centres of population in the Old World.

We were most heartily welcomed at the station by W. Bro. Ellis and several other brethren, who provided us with excellent accommodation at the Stewart House. I wish that more of our city brethren could have witnessed the enthusiasm of the meeting in the evening. There was an attendance of twenty-five, many of whom had come various distances, up to eighteen miles. Brethren, we need more of that hearty interest and zeal in some of our city lodges. Let us try if we cannot profit by the example of our brethren in Manitou. The programme of the meeting was the same as at Brandon, save the lecture by the Junior Grand Warden, which was his latest production on Masonic Symbolism, and which was delivered at Manitou for the first time. Those who have heard both say that the last one is even better than the first. My own address was a little more extended than usual on such occasions, and covered such points as I thought would most benefit the brethren, and promote the interests of their thriving lodge. The acting Grand Secretary reported the lodge books to be one of the best sets he had seen, the funds in a healthy condition, no debts and

a nice balance in the treasury. It is pretty certain that the brethren in Manitou will have a lodge room of their own long before we have one in this city. We closed a most profitable meeting at eleven o'clock, and adjourned to the Stewart House, where we were entertained at a sumptuous banquet. It was the one they had proposed holding on St. John's night, but which they decided to defer until the night of our visit. Everything about the entertainment was good, second to none that I have participated in this year. I have reason to believe that our visit will be the means of bringing in several unaffiliated brethren, in fact one application was put in that evening. The liberality of the brethren was such that the visit cost us nothing but our time.

Brethren, while I am sorry that I have not been able to visit more of the lodges in the jurisdiction, I am glad that so much has been done, and the good effects were so apparent at each visit that I feel amply repaid for the time and labor which they have cost. To the able, zealous and faithful brethren who have always accompanied me I tender my warmest thanks. A similar degree of zeal on the part of a score of brethren would soon entitle us to a much higher place in the great family of Grand Lodges.

Condition of Masonry.

The condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction is, as far as I am able to judge, steadily improving, its tone is becoming more elevated. The growing sentiment of the age in favor of temperance has so thoroughly leavened the members of the Craft that "coffee" holds almost universal sway at the refreshment tables, and I hope the time is very near when intoxicating liquors will not appear on the refreshment table of any lodge room in any jurisdiction. The proceedings in the refreshment rooms are elevating and improving, such as would be approved of by our wives and daughters. The brethren go home at seasonable hours, all feeling that the evening's enjoyment will bear the morning's reflection. Brethren, I congratulate you upon this state of things, and I am glad to know that it is not confined to our own jurisdiction, but that the leaven is working throughout the Masonic world. It is the dawning of a brighter day, and if we are all true to our obligations it will soon break out in a glorious effulgence that will shed a halo of glory over our beautiful world, and hasten the happy day when man shall see in every man a brother, when nations shall learn war no more, but the arts of peace will employ all the powers of redeemed humanity, and which will soon make it clear to all unprejudiced minds that "Masonry" is the comeliest handmaiden of religion, and that her votaries are men whose lives and characters are in beautiful harmony with the sublime principles and teachings of our Order.

In this connection, I am much pleased with the prompt and decisive action of M. W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, in arresting the charter of Prudence Lodge in his jurisdiction, because the Master and Wardens in a somewhat clandestine manner had conferred the degrees of Masonry upon several notoriously unworthy and disreputable applicants; and so jealous was he of the good name of the Order, that after due

trial, and the fullest possible opportunity for defence, the seven men who had been admitted, together with the brethren who took part in the iniquitous proceeding, were ignominiously expelled from the Craft. Grand Master Lawrence deserves the thanks of the Craft at large for this trenchant stroke in defence of the sacredness of our Masonic altars, and let us hope that brethren as able, faithful and fearless as he may always be available for positions of such high responsibility. Before closing his address, he says :

"Our number is vast, our jurisdiction is broad, our capacity for usefulness is large beyond expression, yet, believe me, brethren, our Fraternity is only truly great while its giant strength is consecrated to the service of the Lord; and greatest of all when our many thousand craftsmen, swayed by a single purpose, move forward in unison to the fulfillment of labors merciful and righteous."

Brethren, the country embraced in our jurisdiction is young, and it behooves us to remember that we are laying the foundations of Masonry in this magnificent heritage of ours, and generations yet unborn will determine whether we have built wisely and well. New comers are continually seeking homes amongst us, and it may be that applications for the formation of new lodges will be more frequent than wise, and while we are ever ready to extend our hand in sure pledge of brotherhood, let us be careful to encourage not merely ephemeral growth, but to start new lodges only in localities where the certainty of their permanent success is as nearly absolute as possible. In our keeping rests the prosperity of the Craft. The contemplation of our responsibility moves to serious thought. The voice of this institution comes to us through centuries, and generations join in the words which tell of its labors for the good of man. From "vanished years, deep-toned like some cathedral chant," the music swells into a mighty chorus of harmonious speech, touching the heart of the earnest listener with the story it bears in its rhythmic lines of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. With such a trinity it must go on conquering and to conquer. Selfishness shall flee from its presence, prejudice vanish from it sight, evil disappear on its approach, and men with reverent mien bend the head in admiration as it passes down the ages. Noiseless as the march of thought and strong as the Temple of Truth, it has found its way into every land where man needs a haven or humanity a prayer. Its faithful disciples, bearing its banners broad and bright, wave the symbol in the rays of the rising sun, and hold it aloft to be kissed by the soft light of the twinkling stars. Its benefactions know no slumber, and for its duties "make all seasons summer." To the great of earth it offers the joy and peace which, with impartial hand, it offers to the humble and poor. Of all who seek to serve at its tables and guard its sacred altars it asks but one question—"Is he worthy and well qualified?" Were he king, without this qualification he could not enter; were he a peasant, with it as a sesame, the bolts fly back, the gates open at his approach, and all the hidden wealth which its temples hold are uncovered to his view. Through war and pestilence and famine it holds its way, turning the sword of the soldier into the ploughshare of good deeds, the breath of the scourge into whispered words of fraternal comfort, and the cry of hunger into the song of thankfulness. Its living subjects bear as a talisman against all evil the com-

pass and the square, made radiant by the effulgence of its greatest light. Its dead sleep with the emblem of innocence upon their breasts that it may bear witness of their lives, which the evergreen, its close companion, tells us will be eternal. Of some of these sublime principles we have had a fair exemplification in this jurisdiction during the past year. The brotherly love of a happy family has reigned in all our lodges; we have had "peace within our walls and prosperity within our palaces." Nothing has occurred to mar the harmony which should at all times characterize Free Masons. Our relations with sister Grand Lodges are of the most cordial and fraternal character. "So mote it ever be."

Fraternal Dead.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast *all* seasons for thine own, O Death!
We know when moons shall wane,
When summer birds from far shall cross the sea.
When autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain,
But who shall teach us when to look for thee?"

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God, who gave it."

These words, from our great light, heard when as Masons we lay a brother to rest, hold a history and a hope: the history of all that is mortal since time b gan; the radiant hope of a blessed immortality, when the spirit of the just man made perfect, freed from its trammels of clay, shall be at peace in the bosom of its Father.

The echo of our voices as we closed our last annual communication of this Grand Lodge had scarcely died away when Very Worshipful Brother Colonel Alfred McKeand was summoned to the Grand Lodge above. Like a bolt from a cloudless sky the announcement that Colonel McKeand was dead fell upon the community. Of a truth it may be said, "In the midst of life we are in death." Brother McKeand, as you will remember, took an active part in the sessions of our last communication, and his ruddy countenance and merry smile gave promise of a long and happy life. But heaven had decreed it otherwise, and at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, February 13th, 1887, he obeyed the summons which came to him with such appalling suddenness.

"Sleep on, O friend, until thy waking day,
And ever we, who loved thy presence here,
Will keep for thee, through changes manifold,
A tender memory growing with the years."

After this address was in the hands of the printer, we were shocked to hear that R. W. Bro. Cornell, of Boissevain, had died suddenly on the 29th January, 1888, forcibly and painfully reminding us at the close of the Masonic year that "in the midst of life we are in death."

I have also just learned from an able and touching report received from P. D. G. M. Alfred Burne, of Sidney, New South Wales, who is our Representative near that Grand Lodge, that our brethren in that distant jurisdiction are mourning the death of R. W. Bro. Nicholas Weeks, who filled the office of Grand Secretary from the time their Grand Lodge was formed until death put an end to his labors on earth. Bro. Burne says of him, "He was one who rising to eminence by merit, has lived respected and died regretted," and in closing his report he says, "He was one of whom it may fairly be said, he was a man, take him for all in all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again."

The Pale Reaper has gathered many other victims from our own and sister jurisdictions. Many voices are hushed which we loved to hear; many bright eyes are closed to open here no more; and many sad hearts throb wearily with their sense of loss and desolation. We know that they cannot return to us; that they are

"Beyond the smiling and the weeping,
Beyond the waking and the sleeping,
At rest, and home."

But do we fully realize that we can go to them? and do we enjoy the solace which that divine hope should bring? Under a kind providence the blessed ministries of time, bearing healing on their wings for all our woes, will soften the griefs of those who mourn; yet is it true, that the tear is set amid the jewels of the sky while the laugh is lost in the waves of the air. Sorrow and suffering should ennoble and consecrate our lives, refining them from their dross, and above all teaching that the Divine Consoler, who alone can bind up the broken heart, is He who is the resurrection and the life. Yet our nature, that proves its immortality by its yearning for an incorruptible future, by the same token is impelled to cherish the memory of those who have gone beyond the twilight obscurities of this world, and to offer that which is a mark of respect and a tribute of affection for our brothers whose sun has set on earth and risen on the golden shore of a blessed immortality.

Conclusion.

Finally, my brethren, let me express the hope that this may be the most pleasant and harmonious communication this Grand Lodge has ever held. To one and all I tender my warmest thanks for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the highest position in your gift.

May God bless you and your families; and may we all

"So live that when our summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night

Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the draperies of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.'

THOMAS CLARK,
Grand Master.

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Winnipeg District No. 1. The following table contains in convenient form, for reference and comparison, the information I have obtained as to membership, work and financial standing of each lodge in this district:

WINNIPEG DISTRICT No. 1.

Names of Lodges.	No. of Lodge.	Membership.					Degrees Conferred.			Finances.								
		Members on Roll Dec. 27, 1886.	Members on Roll Dec. 27, 1887.	No. of Regular Meetings.	No. of Emergent Meetings.	Average Attendance of Members per Meeting.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Yearly Rental of Hall.	Value of Lodge Furniture and Jewels.	For how much Insured.	Funds on Hand Dec. 27, 1887.	How Invested.	Amount of Dues Uncollected Dec. 27, 1887.	No. of Members in Arrears Over One Year.	No. in Arrears over Two Years.	No. in Arrears over Three Years.
Prince Rupert	1	99	102	13	2	22	4	4	4	$ 84	270	200	$333.92	Federal Bank	$294.31	25	1	1
Lisgar	2	67	72	13	5	19	8	8	8	180	358	——	47.69	Treasurer	566.58	18	3	13
Ancient Landmark	3	159	166	13	6	28	8	8	10	84	600	400	707.55	Imperial Bank	354.72	54	8	0
St. John's	4	98	110	13	2	27	8	8	10	84	300	200	816.98	Ontario Bank	263.60	17	8	2
Hiram	5	55	44	6	0	6	0	0	0	50	400	——	37.24	Bank	184.00	21	13	0
Northern Light	10	57	57	13	1	13	4	3	5	84	200	——	141.62	Montreal B'k	332.50	7	7	2
Stonewall	12	31	26	12	1	11	2	2	2	——	——	——	100.60	Imperial Bank	34.00	1	0	0
Ionic	25	60	71	13	0	15	5	6	6		75	——	97.00	Treasurer	460.00	7	5	8
Totals		626	648										2282.60		2489.71			

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Though the net gain is but three, there has been considerable change in the membership of the lodge. Affiliations, joinings and restorations have been all but balanced by withdrawals and suspensions. The financial condition of this lodge is sound, its secretary's books are models of neatness and accuracy, and its general working quite satisfactory.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

Its room is convenient and very comfortably furnished. There is a number of well-skilled brethren in regular attendance and the work done is quite satisfactory. The financial condition of this lodge deserves immediate attention. With but $49 on hand, a vigorous effort should be made at once to collect all that is collectible of the $566 of outstanding dues. The remainder should be written off. Without intending to reflect in any way on the solvency or honesty of the treasurer, I think that all funds should, as a matter of principle, be deposited to the credit of the lodge in some banking institution. The furniture and jewels valued at $358 should be insured. With the exception of the Historical Register, in which no entry has been made for some time, the secretary's books are accurate and fairly neat.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

This lodge has the largest membership of any under the G. L., there being 166 on the Roll. With a fine set of appliances for use in its ceremonials, and with the subordinate as well as the principal officers carefully drilled in their several parts, it is hardly necessary to say that the work is well done. The American ritual as exemplified by this lodge demands intelligent and serious work from each officer to prevent what nearly happened on the occasion of my official visit, through the thoughtlessness or carelessness of a brother —a most imposing ceremonial becoming something not unlike a farce. The financial condition of the lodge is satisfactory and its books are neatly and carefully kept.

St. John's Lodge No. 4.

This lodge is in the best financial condition of any in my jurisdiction, having $816 to its credit, and its increase in membership for the year is the largest. It works according to the American Ritual, and although it does not possess the appliances that Ancient Landmark does, its work is smoothly and, I believe, accurately performed. It has done what I wish more of our lodges would do—re-elected the W. M. under whose management it has had such a prosperous year, and has thereby ensured its progress for the ensuing twelve months. The Historical Register had not been written up at the date of my visit, but almost all the information had been secured, and I am informed that the work has since been completed. The secretary's books are in a very satisfactory condition.

Hiram Lodge No. 5.

It is rather the misfortune than the fault of this lodge that it is in such an

unsatisfactory state. Through changes in the centres of settlement its territory has been invaded on all sides, and it now finds itself practically without a constituency. No work has been done since last report. Its membership is rapidly decreasing. It has had an average of but six members present at each meeting, and has met but six times during the year. Most of its active members belong to one or other of the city lodges. After careful consideration of all the circumstances I am forced to conclude that its usefulness is at an end, and that its charter ought to be surrendered. I am informed that a committee appointed at the last meeting in December to report on the condition of the lodge has arrived at the same conclusion. Although auditors had been appointed, no audit had been made for two years previous to my visit. Since then the books have been audited to date. The furniture and jewels ought to be insured. The secretary's books are accurate and fairly neat.

Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

Affiliations, joinings, etc., are balanced by withdrawals and suspensions, and although some work has been done, the membership is exactly the same at the end as at the beginning of the year. The work, through lack of previous rehearsal, was not as accurately and smoothly done as it should have been by brethren possessing the qualifications that the officers of this lodge have. The jewels should be insured at once. The books of the lodge were not properly kept. The W. M. should have compelled the secretary to do his work or vacate his office. I know that brethren sometimes accept the office of secretary without being aware of the amount of labor that it entails, but when they find themselves unable to perform this labor they should send in their resignation and insist on its acceptance. Their failure to take this step does not release the W. M. from his responsibility. There is little honor in being secretary and there is, in large lodges, much work—work that ought to be paid for. The present secretary has procured all necessary books and will soon, I am informed, have them written up to date. During the past month the W. M. and J. W. have left this jurisdiction. I trust that the members will rally round the I. P. M., and give him hearty support. This they owe, under the circumstances, no less to themselves than to him.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

I arranged to visit this lodge near the close of the year, but continued sickness in my family prevented my leaving home, so that I am unable to do more than call attention to two very satisfactory statements gleaned from the partially filled report forwarded me by its secretary. The average attendance of members gives the highest per centage on enrollment of any lodge in my district, and there is but ONE member in arrears.

Ionic Lodge No. 25.

There has been an increase of 11 in the membership of this lodge during the year. With but $97 on hand an attempt should at once be made to collect as much as possible of the $460 of outstanding dues. What I have said under

the head of Lisgar Lodge respecting the collection and investment of funds and the insurance of furniture and jewels, applies to this lodge. The secretary's books are in a very unsatisfactory condition. The remarks made under the head of Northern Light Lodge respecting the secretary's work are even more applicable here. The presence of several of the most accurate workers and most eminent members of the Craft in Manitoba has not been a sufficiently potent influence to keep this lodge up to that state of efficiency which its past history would lead one to expect.

General Remarks.

Our membership has increased from 628 to 648 during the year. The financial returns show a total of $2,282.60 on hand, with $2,489.71 of outstanding dues.

The fees received at or since the previous meeting of a lodge, the amount transferred to the treasurer, the orders drawn on the treasurer for payments of accounts, and the balance in the treasurer's hands should, in my opinion, form part of the minutes read by the secretary at each communication. The brethren would thus be cognizant at all times of the financial condition of the lodge.

The names of members and visitors as well as officers should be recorded in the minutes and read at each meeting. This would prevent brethren signing the register and then retiring without entering the lodge—a proceeding that has taken place more than once.

The adoption of the New Constitution will necessitate a pretty complete revision of the by-laws of each lodge, and it would be well, it seems to me, if as far as possible, the Model by-laws were accepted.

That part of the Constitution requiring the Master to cause the Ancient Charges and Regulations and his by-laws of his lodge to be read in open lodge, is neglected entirely in some lodges and evaded in others by "considering them as read."

In order that work may be accurately done, there is need (1) that such assistance be given to each master, under proper safeguards, as will not permit him to plead excusable ignorance as at present, and (2) that each master regularly rehearse with all his officers the opening and closing and the ceremonial parts of each degree. Accurate ritual is often sadly marred by careless ceremonial. The Deacons need as careful drill as the Wardens, and the I. G. should know when candidates are properly prepared, and what tokens, etc., are necessary to secure entrance in the several degrees. If I am to judge by my own observations, few I.G.'s in this jurisdiction have this knowledge. The posting of candidates is pretty satisfactory in the first two degrees, but so far as I have been able to discover no attempt is made to post them in the work of the third degree. Every brother should be required, within a reasonable time to give "proof of his proficiency" in this degree.

In order that brethren who desire to post themselves may have opportunity for doing so, I suggest that a permanent lodge of instruction be established

n Winnipeg, meeting say on the second Tuesday in every third month. Winnipeg has the requisite number of well-skilled Masons, and willing ones too, to make such a lodge not only a lasting benefit to the district, but to the province as well.

My thanks are due to the brethren of this district for many courtesies shown me personally as well as officially.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. J. GOGGIN,
D. D. G. M. Winnipeg District No. 1.

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

In submitting my report on the state of Masonry in this district, I regret that continued ill health rendered it impossible for me to discharge all the duties incumbent on me during the past year.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 and Marquette Lodge No. 21.

I have not been able to visit these lodges since my last report, but it is with pleasure that I note the visits paid them by the M. W. Grand Master and other distinguished brethren from Winnipeg, so that my inability to visit has been more than compensated by the Masonic teachings of abler brethren. I learn that "Assiniboine" has been doing well during the year, and that "Marquette" continues to prosper.

Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

I have visited this lodge twice and found the brethren working faithfully and well. I gave instructions on the working of the 3rd degree, and raised a brother to that sublime degree. The officers of the lodge have had very little actual work during the past two years, and have wisely been holding meetings for instruction. There not being a sufficient number of installed Masters present on St. John's day, their installation did not take place. I recommended the M. W. Grand Master to issue a dispensation to install at the next meeting, but owing to a misunderstanding the brethren installed without the dispensation. As the lodge has not a single copy of the Constitution to be guided by, and as their action was directed by a desire for the good of the Order, I would recommend that the Grand Lodge heal and confirm the installation. With W. Bro. J. H. Davidson in the chair, and W. Bro. Fieldhouse as secretary, I feel satisfied that the business of the lodge will be promptly attended to.

Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

I have visited this lodge on several occasions. I held a lodge of instruction on the 3rd degree on two nights. I also installed their officers on St. John's day

last. There has been but little doing during the year. The W. Master did not attend as regularly as I would have liked to have seen. The secretary being new to the work, has not been able to keep the record of the lodge so high with the Grand Secretary as his predecessor, but as he has been re-elected I have no doubt that he will be equal to the occasion this year.

W. Bro. A. S. McGregor is well skilled in the work, and I am satisfied that as far as he can the lodge will do well.

I have not been called on to decide any disputes among the craft.

Death has removed Bro. J. C. Ball from Marquette Lodge. The brethren in Masonic clothing conducted our beautiful funeral service around his grave.

I trust that the constitution question will be decided at this communication, so that the lodges may be speedily furnished with copies thereof, and in this connection I trust that amendment will be made to the draft copy authorizing lodges to retain and wear their present regalia, for with the present hard times it is well to guard against enforced expenditure. While it is pleasing to the eye to observe eminent Masons decorated and bejewelled, we should remember that it is not the glare and glitter of decorations that make Masonry respected—

"The heart aye,
The part aye,
That keeps us right or wrang."

In bidding an official farewell to the brethren of the District, I have to thank them for their kindness and courtesy during the past two years, and bespeaking for my successor a like treatment at their hands, assure them of my best wishes for their prosperity.

"Farewell, a word that must be and hath been,
A sound that makes us linger—yet farewell."

Trusting that the Most High will guide your deliberations,

I remain yours fraternally,

P. ST. CLAIR McGREGOR, D. D. G. M.
No. 3, Portage la Prairie District.

No. 4.—Minnedosa District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

As District Deputy Grand Master of No. 4 District, my first official duty was to institute Birtle Lodge, U. D., on the receipt of the commission authorizing me to do so. I sent notice to the secretary requesting him to name any night convenient for the opening. The time fixed was the eighth of March, 1887. I went to Birtle accompanied by R. W. Bro. Denison, V. W. Bro. Cuddy and ten others, officers and members of Prince of Wales Lodge. We were all surprised and pleased to find a large lodge room handsomely fitted

with every convenience necessary for the work. After performing my duties the brethren of Birtle Lodge invited us to a banquet, at which we enjoyed ourselves until the Junior Warden's toast brought a finish to our conviviality. Birtle Lodge may be proud of the material of which it is composed. In the late fire the lodge room went with the rest yet at the next meeting they were ready for work. Their choice of officers at first was necessarily limited, as a large number of new members joining they had to obtain the services of V. W. Bro. Cuddy and W. P. M. Colton to confer the degrees. This was a very expensive proceeding for them, as Bro. Cuddy's railway fare had to be paid both ways. Bro. Colton being mail clerk was differently situated, yet it was felt to be inconvenient. I was informed by Bro. Markle, the secretary, that some of the officers were about to leave, and that those that remained were unwilling to continue the work as they felt it too much for them to get up. I sent a full statement of these facts to the Grand Secretary, at the same time suggesting the appointment of Bro. John Crerar as Master of the Lodge. The Grand Secretary informed me that should Birtle Lodge send a petition to the Grand Master requesting a change of officers he might be favorably inclined. A resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting called for that purpose and forwarded to the Grand Master, with a recommendation from myself believing the change to be in the interests of Birtle Lodge. The M. W. G. Master very kindly acceded to their request. Since the appointment of its new officers the lodge has gone on all right. I received an invitation from Bro. John Crerar to visit them on the 24th January, 1888, at which time he would confer the third degree. I was all ready to start when I discovered that the train was fully three hours late so that I could not arrive in Birtle much before midnight. V. W. Bro. Cuddy was present and informs me that the Master and officers worked well, and that they have a nicely fitted up lodge room, for which I think they deserve great praise and do heartily recommend Grand Lodge to grant this lodge a charter.

Several brethren at Binscarth sent a petition requesting Prince of Wales Lodge to recommend that a dispensation be granted to form a lodge at that place. I opposed it for the following reasons :—

That their petition was not accompanied by certificates of good standing or dimits from the lodges of which they were members. I was also informed that several of the brethren resided at a great distance from the proposed place of meeting. I am of opinion it will be for the best interest of Masonry to allow Birtle Lodge to have the opportunity of working under a charter for some time before granting a dispensation so near them.

Corinthian Lodge No. 15.

I visited Rapid City in October and met a number of brethren. There was no lodge held, as they had great difficulty in securing a suitable room. They however determined to secure a lodge room and hold their meetings regular in the future. I received an invitation to visit them on the 20th December, 1887, and accompanied by several members of Prince of Wales Lodge, including Bro. Boyd, S. W., and Bro. Sewell, J. W. They had no work but opening and

closing, which was done to my satisfaction. Bro. Boyd, at my request, inspected the books and found them in good order. The brethren have had a long spell of hard times, but are now getting into line and are in a good financial position. We had a good time at their banquet, and by request of V. W. Bro. Cuddy, invited them to our St. John's Day festival. They responded, and I had the honor of installing their officers elect in our lodge, ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Ovas. I am informed the plans and contracts are in hand for the erection of a lodge room, which I hope will be a benefit to Masonry and Rapid City.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14.

As I am a nightly visitor at my own lodge I feel great pleasure in stating that it is in good working order. No debt, and funds on hand and all the brethren working in harmony. V. W. Bro. Cuddy has done all that could be done to work the lodge and every degree well, so much so that the brethren elected him for a third term by a unanimous vote, in fact we should have for our motto

"Behold how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
Together, such as brethren are,
In unity to dwell."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES LESLIE,
D. D. G. M. Minnedosa District No. 4.

No. 5.—Brandon District.

BRANDON, February 1st, 1888.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

At this the close of another Masonic year, I have pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in No. 5 District. During my visits to the different lodges, I have endeavored to point out to the officers the importance of doing all their work well and in an impressive manner, and in order to avoid having unqualified officers, I have advocated the two-year term for those holding the most important offices. I have also strongly advocated the most extreme caution in the election of candidates, pointing out that it were better that ten good men should be turned away than that one improper person should be admitted to our Fraternity. I have also suggested the formation of a "District relief fund" to be raised by a slight increase in the dues of each member, and to be under the control of a District Relief Committee, to be used at their discretion for the relief of worthy and extreme cases of distress. I trust some action may be taken in this matter during the coming year, as a fund of this kind is much needed in a country such as this where brother Masons are found, far from home and friends, who may need our help.

Brandon Lodge No. 19.

I have been a constant attendant at the meetings of this lodge, and can speak most favorably of the work done. I installed the officers on 24th June, and am glad to say the lodge has re-elected W. Bro. Colwell to a second term in the East. The officers are all most efficient. The lodge is fortunate in having among its regular attendants no less than seven Past Masters, who frequently assist in the work. On December 20th, one of its members, Rev. Bro. Best, delivered in the lodge room, to a large audience of Masons and their friends, a very interesting lecture on "Masonic Brotherhood." On January 1st the Chaplain, Rev. W. Bro. Flewelling preached an eloquent sermon to the members of the lodge, who attended St. Matthew's church in a body in their regalia. This lodge has during the past year paid off a heavy debt that has hung over it for years; has spent considerable money in carpeting and painting their lodge room, which now presents a handsome appearance, and this lodge is now in good financial standing.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

I visited this lodge officially on October 28th, found the records neatly and correctly kept, and the officers as well up in their work as could be expected from the difficulty they must experience in getting together frequently for practice and instruction, on account of so many of their members living at a distance from their place of meeting. The lodge is in good financial standing, and is particularly fortunate in the possession of so true and faithful a ruler as W. Bro. Dr. Stoyte, who is filling his second term as Worshipful Master.

Carberry Lodge No. 29.

I visited this lodge on December 27th, and installed the newly elected officers. I am glad to say this lodge followed the example of the other lodges in this district and re-elected W. Bro. Collins to a second term in the East. The officers are all efficient in their work, and have the interests of the Craft at heart, but appear to have difficulty in getting the members together at their regular communications, this partly owing to the distance some of them live from place of meeting, and partly owing to the want of a suitable lodge room—a want that has been felt since the formation of the lodge, and which I trust may be supplied next year. I fear the lack of interest by some of its members is due to the past action of a member of the lodge, who from his rank in the Craft should have shown a more Masonic spirit. I am not unhopeful, however, for a bright future for this lodge, having implicit confidence in the skill and integrity of its W. Master.

Doric Lodge No. 36.

I regret to say I have not visited this lodge during my term of office, but on account of the distance, and from the fact that R. W. Bro. Ireland, District Deputy Grand Master of No. 2 District, resides in Boissevain, I felt my presence was not necessary, more especially as in all probability this and Deloraine lodge will be added to No. 2 District next year.

I was directed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to institute Deloraine Lodge, it having been granted a dispensation, but on account of pressing duties I was compelled to ask that R. W. Bro. Ireland be called upon to perform this ceremony, which request was granted.

I have requested R.W. Bro. Ireland to report on Doric and Deloraine Lodges in his report to the Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I have to thank the brethren of No. 5 District for nominating me to the honorable position I have held during the past year, and for many kindnesses received at their hands, and praying that the Great Architect of the universe may continue to preserve and cement our noble Fraternity.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRANK W. PETERS,
D. D. G. M., District No. 5.

No. 6.—Saskatchewan District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Battle Lodge No. 38.

I visited this lodge, officially, on September 11th. Although the officers had been but recently appointed, the condition of the lodge was highly satisfactory. The first degree was conferred during my visit and the work done by the W.M., Bro. Applegarth, was complete and thorough. The books and records of the Lodge in the hands of the secretary, Bro. McClennaghan, are deserving of special mention.

Kinistino Lodge No. 16.

I have visited this lodge several times, but the condition of affairs has been very unsatisfactory. At the election of officers, in December, there was a complete reorganization ; many brethren here, who had hitherto taken little interest in the lodge, have now affiliated, and we have every indication that Kinistino Lodge will be raised to a state of efficiency worthy of the pioneer lodge of the North West Territories.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES FLETT,
D. D. G. M. Saskatchewan District No. 6.

No. 7.—Alberta District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

I beg leave to submit my annual report on the condition of Masonry in Alberta, or No. 7 District, for the Masonic year now drawing to a close.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, Alberta District, then No. 6, was sub-divided into three districts, viz : Saskatchewan, Assiniboia and Alberta.

In consequence of this redistribution, there are at present only three lodges in my District.

Bow River Lodge No. 28.

Being a member of Bow River Lodge No. 28, Calgary, I have vlsited it frequently ; and officially on the 27th December, last, when I installed its officers for the ensuing year.

I issued a dispensation for the brethren to appear in public clothed as Masons, at their annual ball, held on the evening of December 27th.

On account of the negligence of some of the officers, during the past year, the lodge has not made as much progress as I would like to have seen, but with the new material now holding office, I hope to see more efficiency in the future.

Alberta Lodge No. 37.

I received r dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master, empowering me to constitute Alberta Lodge No. 37, at the village of Fort McLeod, N.W.T., and to install its officers ; and Dec. 13th was arranged for, to perform the ceremonies.

In consequence of having been disappointed in getting my regalia, which had been previously ordered for the occasion, and promised by 6th Dec., I thought, at the time, it would be best to postpone the meeting at McLeod, and so telegraphed Bro. D. J. Campbell to that effect. I subsequently discovered from his reply that the brethren were very much disappointed and wished to proceed with the ceremonies at all hazards, stating that there would be then P. M's present. I immediately wired that I had no authority to allow them to do so. The last train east having departed, I could not now, in any event, have reached them in time for the meeting.

I heard afterwards that the lodge had received instructions from the Grand Secretary to proceed, and that they had got over the difficulties without the aid of the D. D. G. M. In consequence of not having received a copy of the minutes of said meeting I am not able to state whether the lodge has been properly constituted or not.

I consider the action of Alberta Lodge, in obstinately proceeding with the ceremonies in so hasty a manner, unwarranted from the circumstances of the case, and am very much surprised that its members should have received instructions from the M. W. the Grand Lodge to proceed with the ceremonies, and especially as the dispensation empowering me to act, extended over a period of two months, and as I had the warrant in my possession at the time.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

N. J. LINDSAY,

D. D. G. M. Alberta District No. 7.

No. 9.—Assiniboia District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

As our Masonic year is drawing to a close, it becomes my duty to submit a report of my stewardship for the year.

In doing so I regret very much to have to state that I have visited but two lodges in this district during the year, the great distance between the lodges making it very difficult to visit them except at a great expense and loss of time.

Wascana Lodge No. 23.

I have not had an opportunity of visiting this lodge, but from reliable information I find it to be in a flourishing condition, and they have increased their membership by five during the year. Their meetings are well attended, and financially they are in a good position.

Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26.

I have attended this lodge regularly and visited it officially on their regular meeting in January. This lodge has been particularly unfortunate as regards masters, the last four having left the town shortly after being installed, but during the last year they have had a careful and painstaking Senior Warden, and also a secretary, whose new set of books are a credit to himself as well as the lodge. The lodge has a good balance in the treasurer's hands.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 32.

On August 25, 1887, I visited this lodge, and assisted by R.W. Bro. Jas. Henderson constituted the lodge and installed the officers. They have a neat little lodge room, are increasing in membership, and financially are in a flourishing condition. I also desire to place on record the kind and hospitable manner in which the brethren of this lodge entertained R. W. Bro. Jas. Henderson and myself during our visit.

Indian Head Lodge No. 33.

This lodge has been working under disadvantages during the year, having been compelled to fit up a second lodge room, the first one proving unsuitable. Notwithstanding this heavy expenditure, they are in a prosperous condition, and are increasing in number.

Moosomin Lodge No. 35.

This lodge during the year has but slightly increased its membership, but from reliable information received, I believe it to be prosperous.

On the other two lodges in this District I cannot report very fully, having received no information from them up to date of this report, but I believe both are progressing favorably.

The abundant harvest with which our country has been blessed during the

past year will no doubt give a great impetus to immigration, and this will no doubt bring amongst us a great number of foreign brethren, and no doubt a great many of them will affiliate with the different lodges. Altogether the prospects for the coming Masonic year are much brighter than a year ago.

Before closing I desire to thank the Grand Secretary for the ever prompt and satisfactory manner in which he has always answered all communications asking for information, etc.

In conclusion I would ask your Most Worshipful Master to look with leniency on the imperfect manner in which my duties have been performed during the year, and hope you will take the reasons already given as sufficient excuse.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

T. W. ROBINSON, D. D. G. M.
Assiniboia District No. 9.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Grand Secretary's Report.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

It becomes my duty in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution to submit a report of the official transactions of this office for the year just closed.

Proceedings.

As usual my first case was to superintend the publication of the proceedings of our last annual Communication. The work was completed in the usual time—about four weeks—and the pamphlets distributed in the usual manner.

Lodges Constituted.

As soon as possible after the close of our annual Communication, charters were issued, as authorized by Grand Lodge, to the following new lodges, viz.:

Qu'Appelle Valley, No. 32	Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia.
Indian Head No. 33	Indian Head, Assiniboia.
Qu'Appelle No. 34	Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia.
Moosomin No. 35	Moosomin, Assiniboia.
Doric No. 36	Boissevain, Manitoba.
Alberta No. 37	Fort McLeod, Alberta.
Battle No. 38	Battleford, Saskatchewan.

These lodges were constituted in due time by the D. D. Grand Masters of the Districts in which they are located, or by brethren specially commissioned for the purpose.

New Lodges.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, a dispensation was issued for the formation of a new lodge at Deloraine, Manitoba, to be named Deloraine Lodge.

The Dispensation of Birtle Lodge at Birtle, Manitoba, was continued, and the same duly returned with the necessary endorsation thereon.

The petitions for the Dispensations, the certificates of standing of the petitioners, the recommendations of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the nearest lodges, the report of the brethren appointed to institute same, together with the minute book and returned Dispensations are now submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Representatives.

By the authority of the Grand Master, commissions have been issued from this office to the following named brethren to represent this Grand Lodge near the following Grand Lodges:—

9th March, 1887.—R. W. Bro. Nathaniel Turner, of Wayne, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

17th March, 1887.—V. W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, of London, near the Grand Lodge of England.

17th March, 1887.—R. W. Bro. James M. Levy, of Covington, near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

24th November, 1887.—V. W. Bro. Alfred Benairdes, of Lima, near the Grand Lodge of Peru.

5th December, 1887.—R. W. Bro. Joseph Kidder, of Manchester, near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Commissions have been received at this office appointing the following named brethren representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge:—

14th March, 1887.—R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr, of Regina, Assiniboia, for the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

31st March, 1887.—V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, vice V. W. Bro. Alfred McKeand, deceased.

2nd April, 1887.—V. W. Bro. Thomas Lewis Morton, of Gladstone, for the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

28th April, 1887.—W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Peru.

13th December, 1887.—R. W. Bro. David James Goggin, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Grand Lodge Certificates.

Immediately after the close of our last annual Communication, the contract

or engraving a steel plate was awarded to John A. Lowell & Co., of Boston, Mass., the consideration being $500. This amount included a finished sketch of the work subject to the approval of the Board. The sketch was duly received, and a meeting of the Board was at once called to make any changes that it might consider necessary. Two members, out of the fifteen residing in Winnipeg, attended, but as it requires four members to constitute a quorum, no action could be taken. By direction of the Grand Master, notices were again issued requesting "a full attendance for the transaction of important business," at a meeting to be held on Monday, June 6th, 1887. This appeal brought out two members. On June 17th, after personally importuning the members to attend, a quorum was at last secured, and the sketch, with several modifications, adopted. There has also been considerable delay on the part of our engravers, consequent upon the party who had the work in hand leaving for Europe to accept a more lucrative position there. The latest intelligence received is that a proof of the certificate would be forwarded on February 4th in order to be submitted to Grand Lodge at this Communication.

The delay in forwarding these certificates evoked numerous complaints from lodges and individual brethren, and in nearly all cases this office was held accountable for the delay and attending inconvenience. I am therefore impelled to make this explanation in order to exonerate myself, and place the blame where it properly belongs.

Proposed Constitution.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at our last annual Communication, each member of Grand Lodge was notified to send to this office any amendments that it might be considered advisable to have incorporated in the new Constitution. Two replies were received within the required time, and the amendments proposed were duly submitted to the Constitution Committee. The same resolution provided for the transmission to each member of the Grand Lodge, of a copy of the final draft of the proposed Constitution. This duty was performed within the required time, and arrangements have been made with the printers to keep the same in type until the close of the present Communication.

Blank Books and Forms.

In accordance with instructions from Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes granted the necessary authority for the purchase of twenty-five setts of blank books, and forms expressly prepared to meet the requirements of our subordinate lodges. It is to be regretted that all the lodges constituted during the past year did not obtain full setts of these books, although frequently urged to do so. If it were made compulsory on the part of lodges to procure proper books, an incalculable amount of trouble and confusion would be avoided, thereby securing system and uniformity.

Grand Lodge Registers.

In my report to Grand Lodge in 1887, I prophesied that, with the assistance of the secretaries of the various lodges, I would soon be prepared to report the

completion of this compendium of useful information. In this respect I have been disappointed, nor do I see any probability of the realization of this prophesy in the near future, as the brethren who have occupied the S. E. corner in many of our lodges during the year 1887 have proved invincible to prayers and entreaties.

Financial.

The books of account and vouchers of this office have been submitted to the Board of General Purposes for examination and audit. An inspection of the balance sheet, prepared and submitted herewith, shows a balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands of $1,229 42
Less liabilities..... 383 16

Balance $846 26

Returns of Lodges.

I regret that I have not been able to persuade all my brother secretaries to comply with the law of our Grand Lodge which requires the half yearly returns to be sent to this office on the 24th June and 27th December, or within ten days threafter. When the blanks were sent out an urgent request for their prompt return was made, but these procrastinating brethren failed to comply. There are extenuating circumstances in the cases of several of our lodges, owing to the removal from the jurisdiction of the brethren elected to the office of secretary, but in the majority of cases the brethren charged with the performance of this work "knew their duty and did it not." For sublime indifference commend us to the secretaries of the following lodges, viz: Northern Light No. 10, Corinthian No. 15, Saskatchewan No. 17, Pembina No. 20, Marquette No. 21, Wascana No. 23, Ionic No 25, Glenwood No 27, Bow River No. 28, Qu'Appelle No. 34, and Alberta No. 37. Failure in making returns promptly disarranges the business of this office and prevents the compilation of a correct statistical table. I have much hope that the stringent clauses, regarding returns of lodges, embodied in the new constitution, will have the desired effect, and that there will be no need of further animadversion.

I have made a careful examination of the returns received and submit the following as the result:—

Of the Lodges reporting, the following were received within the time required by our constitution, and were found correct:—

Name and No. of Lodge.	Location.
Prince Rupert, No. 1	Winnipeg.
Lisgar, No. 2	Selkirk.
Ancient Landmark, No. 3	Winnipeg.
St. John's, No. 4	Winnipeg.
Hiram, No. 5	Kildonan.
Manitou, No. 30	Manitou.
Indian Head, No. 33	Indian Head.
Moosomin, No 35	Moosomin.

Doric, No. 36.....Boissevain.
Battle, No. 38.....Battleford.

The returns of the following lodges were found correct, but failed to reach this office within the prescribed time :

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.	LOCATION.
King Solomon, No. 8	Morris.
Oakland, No. 9	Carman.
Northern Light, No. 10	Winnipeg.
Prince of Wales, No. 14	Minnedosa.
Corinthian, No. 15	Rapid City.
Pembina, No. 20	Pilot Mound.
Marquette, No. 21	Portage la Prairie.
Neepawa, No 24	Neepawa.
Moose Jaw, No. 26	Moose Jaw.
Bow River, No. 28	Calgary.
Medicine Hat, No. 31	Medicine Hat.
Qu'Appelle Valley, No. 32	Fort Qu'Appelle.
Qu'Appelle, No. 34	Qu'Appelle.
Alberta, No. 36	Fort McLeod.
Birtle, U. D.	Birtle.
Deloraine, U D	Deloraine.

The returns of the following lodges failed to reach this office within the prescribed time, and were found incorrect in the following particulars :—

Emerson Lodge, No 6, Emerson. Reports one brother dimitted who had been previously suspended and not re-instated ; also reports one brother re-instated who had previously dimitted.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7. Portage la Prairie. Reports two brethren raised but omits names and dates.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, Gladstone. Reports one affiliation but omits date of joining, occupation and residence of applicant.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden. Includes name of one brother in list of officers, on page 2 and in list of M. M's on page 3. Reports number of members fifty-five, should be fifty-six.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, Rapid City. Omits the names of two members, but does not state how membership terminated.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19, Brandon. Omits names of two members. Reports present membership eighty, should be eighty-one.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Winnipeg. Returns to 24th June, 1887, reports work done in July, August and September, 1887. Returns to 27th December, 1887, reports work done in January, 1888.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29, Carberry. Omits ages of three joining members. Also omits name, number and location of Mother Lodge of one joining member.

Delinquent Lodges.

The following lodges have made no returns during the year 1887 :—

Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17. ..... Edmonton.
Al Moghieb Al Aksa Lodge, No. 18 ..... Tangier, Morocco.

Bro. Francis D. Wilson, secretary of No. 17, writes under date of January 11th, 1888, as follows :—"The W. M. and officers of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17, have decided to return the charter of this lodge, as they find it impossible to keep it up any longer."

I would, therefore, recommend that the charter of No. 17 be declared forfeited.

The following lodges have made no returns for half year ending 27th Dec., 1887 :

Kinistino Lodge, No 16..... ..... Prince Albert.
Glenwood Lodge, No. 27..... Souris.

The following lodges have sent in returns but failed to pay dues as required :

Pembina Lodge, No. 20..... Pilot Mound.
Moosomin Lodge, No. 35..... Moosomin.

Recapitulation of Tabular Statement.

Members reported in 1886		1568
Members underestimated, non-reporting lodges.....		2
Actual number of members, 27th December, 1886.....		1570
Initiated.....	128	
Passed.....	138	
Raised.....	140	
Joined	83	
Re-instated.....	15	
Charter members of new lodges.....	27	265
		1835
Rejected.....	31	
Members of Pequonga Lodge ceded to G. L. of Canada	66	
Dimitted.....	90	
Suspended, N. P. D	43	
Suspended, U. M. C.....	1	
Died.....	7	207
Total number of members on roll, 27th December, 1887.....		1628
Increase during 1887.....		58
Number of Chartered Lodges.....		37
Number of Lodges U. D.....		2
Lodge reporting largest membership :—		
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.....		166

Lodge reporting smallest membership :—
King Solomon Lodge N. 8 14

The various account books and registers of this office, the vouchers for the orders drawn on the treasurer, the various statements of receipts, and from what sources derived, and the detailed statement of disbursements, are herewith submitted for examination.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

Moved by V. W. Bro. Daniel Hope, seconded by V. W. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

Grand Secretary's Financial Statement.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from 5th February 1887, to 31st January, 1888 :

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 71 00		Brought over	$839 00
2.	Lisgar	58 50	23.	Wascana	39 25
3.	Ancient Landmark	123 50	24.	Neepawa	12 75
4.	St. John's	100 75	25.	Ionic	52 75
5.	Hiram	22 75	26.	Moosejaw	47 00
6.	Emerson	36 25	27.	Glenwood	12 75
7.	Assiniboine	27 25	28.	Bow River	60 75
8.	King Solomon	7 00	29.	Carberry	13 25
9.	Oakland	33 75	30.	Manitou	19 30
10.	Northern Light	60 50	31.	Medicine Hat	13 75
11.	Gladstone	24 00	32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	37 50
12.	Stonewall	20 50	33.	Indian Head	64 00
13.	Belmont	33 75	34.	Qu'Appelle	41 25
14.	Prince of Wales	29 75	35.	Moosomin	32 00
15.	Corinthian	29 25	36.	Doric	39 75
16.	Kinistino	15 00	37.	Alberta	57 50
17.	Saskatchewan	25 50	38.	Battle	77 50
19.	Brandon	67 75	U. D.	Birtle	50 25
20.	Pembina	15 25	U. D.	Deloraine	34 40
21.	Marquette	37 00		R. A. Mather	20 00
	Carried forward	$839 00			$1,564 70

Cash Statement.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, from 7th February, 1887, to 31st January 1888:—

Dr.			Cr		
1887.			1887		
Jan. 31.	To Receipts	$1564 70	June 22.	By Grand Treasurer	$173 80
			Aug. 17	" " "	426 00
			Sept. 20	" " "	107 00
			Dec. 27	" " "	132 50
			1888		
			Jan. 10	" " "	356 75
			" 20	" " "	288 65
			" 31	" " "	80 00
		$1564 70			$1564 70

Recapitulation.

Initiations	$124 00
Dues	725 25
Master Masons' Certificates	272 00
Life Members' Certificates	7 50
Life Membership Fees	15 00
Standard By-Laws	4 90
Dispensations	15 00
Blank Books and Forms	197 75
Warrants	150 00
Arrears	41 80
Overpaid by Lodges	11 50
	$1,564 70

Detailed Statement of Disbursements.

The following accounts have been paid as per vouchers:—

No. of order.		
219.	Walker & May, printing, etc	$ 10 00
220.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, salary three months	100 00
221.	H. B. Rose, rent 3 months	24 00
222.	R. J. Boyd, binding proceedings	77 20
223.	John McBride, Grand Tyler	15 00
224.	Davis Little, assistant to Grand Tyler	10 00
225.	H. Hodges, refreshments for Grand Lodge	7 85
226.	A. W. Forest, refreshments for Grand Lodge	20 00
227.	Alfred Pearson, books, etc., for library	6 25

228.	T. W. Leggo, stylographic copies of Grand Master's address	5 00
229.	M. C. Lilley & Co., blank books, etc	10 87
230.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage	15 00
231.	Walker & May, printing proceedings	196 75
232.	Manitoban Printing Co., stationery	10 00
233.	O'Loughlin Bros., stationery	2 50
234.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, salary 3 months	100 00
235.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, etc	34 51
236.	D. Little, engrossing address to Queen	20 00
237.	G. C. Mortimore, stationery, etc	2 60
238.	W. T. Walker & Co., 500 copies blank returns	26 00
239.	H. Newell, engrossing address	12 50
240.	Copp, Clark & Co., warrant plate and warrants	142 00
241.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, 3 months' salary	100 00
242.	H. B. Rose, rent 6 months	48 00
243.	H. Newell, engrossing warrants	8 00
244.	W. T. Walker & Co., printing, etc	8 50
245.	London Guarantee and Accident Co., Grand Secy's. bond	15 00
246.	Thomas W. Taylor, blank books, etc	291 10
247.	G. C. Mortimore, stationery, etc	1 50
248.	W. T. Walker & Co., blank forms, etc	19 80
249.	H. B. Rose, rent 3 months	24 00
250.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, etc	59 22
251.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, salary 3 months	100 00
		$1,523 15

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

Financial Supplemental Report.

The following amounts have been received since my report was closed, which will be carried over and included in the report for the next Masonic year :

Kinistino Lodge No. 16	$10 50
Glenwood Lodge No. 27	4 50
Moosomin Lodge No. 35	6 00
Doric Lodge No. 36	20 20
	$41 20

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, seconded by V.W. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley, and

Resolved, That the Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

Grand Treasurer's Report.

WINNIPEG, February 8th, 1888.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date, showing:

Balance on hand, February 8th, 1887	$1,172 06
Received from Grand Secretary	1,564 70
Received from Federal Bank of Canada, interest	15 81
Total	$2,752 57
Warrants paid, Nos. 219 to 251 inclusive	1,523 15
Balance on hand at this date	1,229 42

JOHN MCKECHNIE, GRAND TREASURER,

In Account with the GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A. F. & A. M.

DR.			CR.		
1887.			1887.		
Feb. 6.	To balance	$1,172 06	Feb. 14.	By Order No. 219	$ 10 00
June 23.	" cash	173 80	14.	" " " 220	100 00
Aug. 22.	" "	426 00	14.	" " " 221	24 00
Sept. 21.	" "	107 00	14.	" " " 222	77 20
Dec. 28.	" "	132 50	14.	" " " 223	15 00
1888.			14.	" " " 224	10 00
Jan. 13.	" "	356 75	Mar. 2.	" " " 225	7 85
23.	" "	288 65	2.	" " " 226	20 00
27.	" Int. on Sav'gs Bank Dep.	15 81	2.	" " " 227	6 25
			19.	" " " 228	5 00
Feb. 8.	" Cash	80 00	19.	" " " 229	10 87
			19.	" " " 230	15 00
			19.	" " " 231	196 75
			May 9.	" " " 232	10 00
			9.	" " " 233	2 50
			9.	" " " 234	100 00
			June 24.	" " " 235	34 51
			24.	" " " 236	20 00
			24.	" " " 237	2 60
		$2,752 57	24.	" " " 238	26 00

Aug.	16.	"	"	239..	12 50
	16.	"	"	240..	142 00
	16.	"	"	241..	100 00
	16.	"	"	242..	48 00
Sept.	21.	"	"	243..	8 00
	21.	"	"	244..	8 50
	21.	"	"	245..	15 00
	21.	"	"	246..	291 10
Nov.	18.	"	"	247..	1 50
	18.	"	"	248..	19 80
	18.	"	"	249..	24 00
	18.	"	"	250..	59 22
	18.	"	"	251..	100 00
		Balance			1,229 42
					$2,752 57

Moved by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, seconded by V. W. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley, and

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer's Report be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

Report of Librarian.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

It becomes my duty to submit the following report as your Librarian:

The following special donations have been made to the library, and the same suitably acknowledged :—

From R. W. Bro. Geo. P. Cleaves, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge for the years 1789 to 1856 inclusive, in two neatly bound volumes, also the Proceedings for the years 1858 to 1874 inclusive. These two volumes complete the fyle of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, from date of organization, except those for the year 1857.

From R. W. Bro. William F. Dibblee, our esteemed Representative nea the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, a bound volume of the Proceedings of that Grand Lodge, for the years 1867 to 1876 inclusive, and 1882. This contribution completes our fyle of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

From R. W. Bro. John Moore, of Ottawa, Ontario, eighteen copies of the "Canadian Craftsman," early issues; twenty-two copies of "The Gavel," published during the years 1870 and 1871; and two copies of "Ritual and Service, Lodge of Sorrow," compiled, arranged and adapted by Bro. Moor for lodges working under the Grand Lodges of the Dominion of Canada.

From R. W. Bro. Thomas Collins, Portage la Prairie, two handsomely bound volumes of "Picturesque Canada," and two volumes of Hubbard's "Newspaper and Bank Directory of the World."

From R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, of Winnipeg, six volumes of "The Century," and one volume entitled "Vivian Gray," by Benjamin Disraeli.

From R.W.Bro. George J. Bennett, of Toronto, "The Canadian Freemason's Pocket Book, Diary and Calender for 1888," compiled and edited by the donor. This complete and useful compendium of Masonic information, should be in the hands of every Canadian Mason.

The following books have been purchased during the past year :—

The History of Free Masonry, by R. F. Gould, 3 volumes; Masonic Facts and Figures, By Henry Sadler, 1 volume.

I have pleasure in acknowledging the courtesy extended to our Grand Lodge by the publishers of the following periodicals, who have regularly forwarded their respective publications, free of charge :—

"The Canadian Craftsman," Port Hope, Ontario.
"The Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Illinois.
"The . . . Trestle Board," San Francisco, California.
"The Master Mason, ' Minneapolis, Minnesota.
"The Royal Craftsman," Plainfield, New Jersey.
"Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.
"Masonic Chronicle," New York.
"The Freemason," Sydney, New South Wales.
"The Victorian Freemason," Melbourne, Victoria.
"The South Australian Freemason," Adelaide, South Australia.
"The Masonic Home Journal, Louisville, Kentucky.

New Rooms.

Commodious rooms, for the use of the library, have been secured, adjoining the new Masonic Hall in this city, and I am induced to appeal to the brethren generally, for co-operation and assistance. It is intended to supply our shelves, not only with works of a purely Masonic character, but with those embracing the general literature of the past and present. There must be many brethren who have books which they can well spare, and to them we appeal for a gift to the library, so that in time it will assume dimensions which will be the pride of our Grand Lodge. Those who have no books to contribute, are reminded that a money gift will answer the purpose. I would recommend the usual grant for library purposes, the amount voted to be payable after receipt of June Returns.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. George Black, seconded by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, and

Resolved, That the Librarian's Report be referred to a special committee, consisting of R. W. Bros. David J. Goggin, Rev. Canon O'Meara, and W. Bro. William F. Ellis, to report thereon.

Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Board of General Purposes begs to present its Annual report.

Eight meetings have been held during the year. At the first meeting R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson was re-elected Vice-President.

The Board fully endorses the utterances of the M. W. the Grand Master as to the amended Constitution, and recommends that same be adopted at the first session of this Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Board notices the remark of the M. W. the Grand Master, under the head of "Dispensations Issued" respecting Bow River Lodge No. 28, and as the Dispensation referred to appears to have been in good part applied for, to enable the Grand Master to witness the work in said lodge, it recommends that the fee for said dispensation be refunded.

The Board has withdrawn the funds of Grand Lodge from the Federal Bank and deposited same in the Bank of British North America, and recommends that they be kept on deposit in the bank last named.

The manuscript of the proceedings of the last annual Communication was examined by the Board previous to publication. The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this session: R. W. Bros. W. C. Copeland, Wm. G. Scott, J. W. H. Wilson, and V. W. Bro. C. N. Bell.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Vice-President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, and

Resolved, that the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted.

Report on Address of the Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Board, presented the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Board notes with pleasure the fact that the condition of Masonry is steadily improving, and its tone becoming more elevated; and is in accord with the Grand Master, in the banishment of intoxicants from the refreshment rooms. It is much to be desired that the Grand Lodge should recommend all subordinate lodges to make provision towards that end, in their by-laws.

The Board has, with interest, read the record of official visits made by the Grand Master, and believes that much good will result therefrom. The payment of the expenses of the visiting brethren by the brethren in Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Manitou and Pilot Mound, is greatly to be commended, and in this connection your Board would again press on the lodges in the various districts, the justness of paying the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the necessity of at once procuring regalia for these officers.

The Board notices, with approval, the names of the brethren appointed as Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, and near this Grand Lodge, and gladly joins the Grand Master in his complimentary remarks respecting the Grand Secretary and the manner in which his duties are performed, and congratulate that worthy officer on the manner in which his services as Librarian have been appreciated by sister Grand Lodges.

The Board desires to emphasize the remarks of the Grand Master, in the matter of needless display, and approve of his refusal to grant dispensations for balls, etc.

Your Board endorses the news expressed by the Grand Master, in regard to the action of M. W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of New York, and commends the quoted clause from his address to the serious notice and consideration of all craftsmen.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Vice-President Board of General Purposes

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Donald Hope, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be received and adopted.

Report of the Board on Warrants.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Board of General Purposes, after careful examination of the books of the several lodges, U. D., beg to report as follows:

BIRTLE LODGE.—Dispensation granted 22nd January, 1887; 10 charter members. 9 Initiated; 9 Passed; 8 Raised. 10 regular and 4 emergent meetings. Minutes neatly kept in proper book.

At the regular meeting of this lodge held April 5th, 1887, a candidate was balloted for and accepted without the regular month's notice. Clause 4, page 46 of the Constitution has evidently been in the mind of the Worshipful Master, but the minutes do not show the emergency, nor that the regular seven days' notice had been given. We also notice that the minutes do not show the lowering and raising of the lodge in the different degrees. These are, no doubt, only omissions in the minutes, but care should be exercised that they do not occur again.

DELORAINE LODGE.—Dispensation granted 10th June, 1887, 11 charter members. 7 meetings, 2 initiated; 1 passed; 1 joined. Minutes neatly kept in proper book. Minutes do not show lowering and raising in the degrees. The remarks as to Birtle Lodge will apply here.

As the records of the above lodges show a marked progress, we have much pleasure in recommending that charters be granted to them.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Vice-President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Warrants be received and adopted.

Report of the Board on the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's Reports.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Board to whom was referred the report, books and papers of the Grand Secretary, having carefully considered the same, beg to report as follows:

Your Board notes, with pleasure, the promptness with which the Grand Secretary had the proceedings of the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge printed and distributed, and consider that the workmanship of the same reflects great credit on the contractors, Messers. Walker & May.

Your Board notes the fact that the semi-annual returns of subordinate lodges have not been as prompt as in the year previous. Yet, owing to the latitude allowed by our present constitution, they have not been altogether unsatisfactory.

We note, with regret, that all lodges chartered during the past year have not availed themselves of the model set of books provided by the Grand Lodge.

Your Board regrets that the Master Masons' certificates ordered at the last annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, have not yet been received, the delay being with the engravers, and not with the Grand Secretary, who has used all necessary diligence in this matter.

We have carefully audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, and the balance on hand as reported. The books are models of neatness, and the vouchers carefully and regularly filed.

Your Board congratulates the Grand Lodge on the condition of its finances, and notes, with pleasure, the substantial balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Vice-President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and adopted.

Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry.

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Board of General Purposes, on the condition of Masonry, have to report as follows:

That we have carefully considered the reports made by the District Deputy Grand Masters for the Districts of Winnipeg, No. 1; Portage la Prairie, No. 3; Alberta, No. 7; and Assiniboia No. 9; and we take pleasure in acknowledging that these brethren have discharged their duties in accordance with the requirements of the constitution. But we are obliged to censure for non-performance of duty in this respect, the District Deputy Grand Masters for the following Districts, viz: Emerson, No. 2; Minnedosa, No. 4; Brandon, No. 5; Saskatchewan, No. 6; and Morocco, No. 8; whose reports have not been received, in compliance with clause 9, page 25, of Book of Constitution, which sets forth the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters as follows: "He is required to transmit to the Grand Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual Communication, a circumstantial account, in writing, of the proceedings

of the lodges visited by him, and their condition ; and generally, the state of Masonry within his District, together with a list of such lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due thereon to the Grand Lodge."

The District Deputy Grand Masters cannot claim ignorance of the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge ; and they should set a better example for those under their charge, by faithfully performing the duties which they have assumed. And we think that the District Deputy Grand Master, who, in future, neglects to report as above required, should be summoned to show cause why he should not be reprimanded for delinquency in this respect.

Winnipeg District No. 1.

This District, being generally considered the banner one, we naturally expect an able report from it, and we are pleased to state that we have not been disappointed. This report gives such statistics and other matter as enables us to say that it is one of the most clear and carefully prepared reports from a District Deputy Grand Master that has ever been placed before Grand Lodge.

The craft, in this District, as a whole, is in a satisfactory condition, many lodges showing large cash balances, and a fair increase in membership.

We note the suggestion relative to Hiram Lodge, and would recommend that the Master and Wardens of said lodge be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes, or other competent authority, and give reasons, if any, why their charter should not be cancelled; and if no satisfactory reasons are offered, the Charter, Books, Regalia, &c , should be returned forthwith to the Grand Secretary.

We observe that Stonewall Lodge has only one member in arrears for dues. This lodge is certainly to be congratulated on such a happy state of affairs, and we strongly urge upon all lodges the desirability of making an earnest effort to place themselves in a like satisfactory condition.

Under the head of general remarks, R. W. Bro. Goggin makes some useful and timely suggestions, and we would urge upon all lodges a careful consideration, and due application of the same. The District Deputy Grand Master of this District is certainly to be commended for the careful and impartial manner in which he has discharged all the duties pertaining to said office.

Portage la Prairie District No. 3.

We desire to extend our sympathies to R. W. Bro. McGregor, the District Deputy Grand Master for this District, in his affliction, and trust that ere long he may be fully restored to perfect health.

We regret to learn that Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, has violated the constitution in such a manner as to necessitate a recommendation from the District Deputy Grand Master that steps be taken to heal its illegal and unconstitutional acts. We regret that brethren should be found so poorly versed in the Constitution, as to fall into such errors. We would, however, under the cir-

cumstances, and owing to the scarcity of copies of the Constitution, recommend that Grand Lodge take the necessary steps to heal the matter.

We are glad to know that there has been no disputes in this District. One death has been reported.

Alberta District No. 7.

In this District the District Deputy Grand Master reports having visited one lodge only. We notice that R. W. Bro. Lindsay grossly violated the Constitution by taking upon himself the issuing of a Dispensation, and for the questionable purpose, also, of allowing brethren of Bow River Lodge No. 28 to wear regalia at their annual ball. Such a gross display of ignorance of the requirements of our Constitution prompts us to recommend that Grand Lodge take such action as may be deemed necessary to prevent a recurrence of any such grave irregularity.

We regret very much that the District Deputy Grand Master did not carry out the arrangements made with the brethren of Fort McLeod to constitute Alberta Lodge and install its officers on December 13th, 1887. Had not the Grand Master promptly stepped into the breach, the brethren would have been put to great inconvenience.

We think we voice the opinion of the brethren of Alberta Lodge when we say they would not have shown any less respect to R. W. Bro. Lindsay's high office had he appeared with them arrayed in apparel not quite so gorgeous as that of Solomon in all his glory.

We sincerely hope that in future no Grand Lodge officer will allow such a paltry excuse to interfere with the carrying out of any arrangement he may have made.

The action of the Grand Master in the premises was well timed, and fully warranted under the circumstances.

Assiniboia District No. 9.

The District Deputy Grand Master of this District, R. W. Bro. Robinson, has been able during the year to visit two, only, out of the seven lodges in his District. He is, however, hardly blameable for what at first appears great negligence, when you consider that no expenses are allowed the office, and the lodges in this District are so far apart. The lodges seem to be fairly prosperous.

Your Board cannot close this report without stating that from the most careful study relative to the office of the District Deputy Grand Master, and a thorough knowledge of the manner in which the duties pertaining to said position are usually performed, and the benefits (?) to Masonry arising therefrom, some change should be made so that Grand Lodge may be in a position to properly recognize those brethren only who discharge the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Vice-President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

Report of the Board on the Appeal of Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Board having duly summoned all the parties, and having heard and read the evidence produced, and having had laid before it their respective arguments by the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ptolemy, and the representatives of Lisgar Lodge—begs to report that the finding is that the action and ruling of R. W. Bro. Ptolemy appealed against by Lisgar Lodge No. 2 in the matter of Brother Arthur Walkley be sustained, and the Board recommends that said finding be endorsed by Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Vice-President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on the Appeal of Lisgar Lodge No. 2 be received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

R. W. Bro. David J Goggin, on behalf of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library, presented and read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library, to whom was referred the Report of the Librarian, begs to report that it finds the same careful arrangement of the books as last year ; notes the valuable addition made thereto ; expresses its thanks to the various brethren who have donated books, and commend the Library to the hearty support of the members of the Grand Lodge.

D. J. GOGGIN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library be received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Benevolence.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Special Committee on Benevolence, presented and read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Committee having duly considered the matters to it referred, begs to recommend :

That ten per cent. of the funds of Grand Lodge be yearly set apart, and placed at the disposal of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, for the purpose of assisting to form the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

That any lodge in this jurisdiction that shall expend on the relief of a member of the Order, not belonging to any lodge in the jurisdiction, a sum, certified to by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of same, and approved of by the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, shall be entitled to draw on the Benevolent Fund for a sum equal to fifteen per cent. of the amount so certified and approved, and the said Committee shall order the payment of same, and if the amount is at the credit of said fund, it shall be at once paid.

In case the said Committee shall not approve of the sum certified, the lodge so applying shall be entitled to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge, and ask its approval, and in case of such approval, the said Committee shall order the payment of the fifteen per cent on same.

As your Committee understands that it was the opinion of Grand Lodge, that relief should be afforded to Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, Minnedosa, in the case of its having paid for the relief of the late Bro. Brock the sum of $128.00, they recommend that said sum be considered as certified, and approved by Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Benevolence and Charity do order the payment of fifteen per cent. on same, out of said Benevolent Fund.

That the Committee on Benevolence and Charity may from time to time, out of the said Benevolent Fund, afford relief to distressed Masons, their widows and families, in such cases as to them shall seem proper.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Special Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee Appointed to Procure and Present a Suitable Testimonial to M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, on behalf of the Committee on a Testimonial to M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, presented and read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Committee, appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, begs to report, that owing to the large expenditure for steel plates, &c., and the probability of a deficit, your Committee would recommend that action in the matter be deferred for the present.

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm G. Scott, seconded by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, be received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee Appointed to Procure and Present a Suitable Testimonial to M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, on behalf of the Committee on a Testimonial to M.W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, presented and read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Committee begs to report, that as the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Communication in 1886, to procure and present a Testimonial to M. W. Bro. C. F. Forrest, has not acted in the premises, and has to ask for further time to perform its duties, your Committee is forced to the conclusion that it also should ask Grand Lodge to enlarge the time for the performance of its duties.

All of which is fraternally submited.

J. W. H. WILSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. W. R. Markley, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, be received and adopted.

The Revised Constitution.

The consideration of the proposed new Constitution, a draft of which was sent to each member of Grand Lodge, was then proceeded with. Several conflicting clauses were amended, and omissions in printing inserted.

It was then moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, that the final draft of the proposed Constitution as amended at this session of Grand Lodge be adopted in the place and stead of the present Constitution, which is hereby repealed.

Motions Called For.

The M. W. Grand Master called for the motions of which M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and W. Bro. William F. Ellis had at the last meeting given notice of their intention to move, which motions were disposed of as follows, viz.:

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, seconded by V. W. Bro. John Montgomery, that it be one of the regulations of this Grand Lodge that lodges in this jurisdiction shall not be permitted to use intoxicating liquors at refreshment tables in their lodge rooms.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, seconded by V. W. Bro. David H. McFadden, and

Resolved, That Emerson Lodge No. 6 be transferred to Winnipeg or No. 1 District.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. F. Ellis, seconded by W. Bro. Stanley T. Carr, and

Resolved, That Emerson or No. 2 District be extended so as to include the villages of Boissevain and Deloraine.

Notices of Motion.

V. W. Bro. D. Hope gave notice that at the afternoon session he would move that the following appropriation be made from the funds of Grand Lodge, viz.:

For services of Grand Tyler	$ 15 00
For printing proceedings of present Communication	200 00
For printing new Constitution	300 00
For Library purposes	100 00

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place at 3 o'clock P. M. to-day.

Grand Lodge Called off.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1:45 A. M on Thursday, February 9th, to meet again at 1:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 P. M.

Present:

M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

Distinguished Visitor.

It being announced that M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, was in waiting and desirous of visiting the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson to introduce the distinguished Brother. He was accordingly introduced, received with the grand honors of Masonry, welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master in fitting terms, and invited to a seat in the Grand East.

After the introduction of Bro. Morris and address of welcome by the M. W. Grand Master, the distinguished visitor acknowledged the compliment paid him in eloquent terms.

Bro. Morris stated that he was desirous of exhibiting his personal respect to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on the occasion of his first visit, and he would do so by presenting the following original poem :

IN WHITE ARRAY.

Poem, composed and respectfully inscribed to M. W. THOMAS CLARK, Grand Master of Masons, and read before the assembled Grand Lodge of MANITOBA at Winnipeg, February 8, 1888,

BY ROB. MORRIS, LL. D.,

Of La Grange, Ky., Masonic Poet Laureate.

What are these which are arrayed in white robes, and whence come they?—REV. vii, 13.

1

What are these, in white array,
Gathered round yon Book of God ?
While the pictured walls display
Emblems ancient and adored :
Whence are these, whose practiced skill
Waits upon the MASTER'S hand,
Prompt to do the MASTER'S will
And obedient to command ?
What are these, in aprons white ?
Whence are these, thus met to-night ?

2

These, from many a land and clime,
These, from many a home, have met :
Age, and youth, and middle time,
Mingle here in concord sweet :
In one solemn, holy vow,
They are bound for others' good :
Heart and hand are woven now,
In the world-wide BROTHERHOOD.
Age on age has come and gone,
Since this white-robed band was born.

3

MASONS these ! their Fathers built
On Moriah's Mount, their Fane ;
There in prayer devout, they knelt,
And JEHOVAH spoke again :
These have learned their Fathers' FAITH,
These enjoy their Fathers' HOPE,

And in CHARITY, till death,
They will build *their* Temple up.
By the Level, Plumb and Square,
All their Ashlars fashioned are !

4

In how many an honored tomb,
Sleep Freemasons such as these !
Plants immortal o'er them bloom,
Teaching greatest mysteries :
Waiting, waiting, till the WORD
Calls them from their lowly rest,
And th' omnipotence of GOD
Draws them to their FATHER'S breast.
Happy they, so sure to be
Joined in bright eternity !

5

So, the coming years will sweep
Us, who congregate to-night :
Low in mother earth to sleep
And await the Eastern light :
Craftsmen, let us then be true,
True to every sacred vow,
Quick to plan and prompt to do,
As our Master's will we know.
Doubtless he will give reward,
Ample wages will afford.

The Grand Secretary read the following letters :

From Hon. Henry Mathews, Home Secretary, acknowledging on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, the receipt of the loyal and dutiful address of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

From R. W. Bro. Peter St. Clair McGregor, District Deputy Grand Master of Portage la Prairie District, stating that owing to illness he would be unable to attend the session of Grand Lodge.

From Bro. Chas. A. Creery, Secretary of Gladstone Lodge No. 11, containing copy of resolutions adopted by that Lodge, at a regular meeting, held on September 27th, 1887.

Credentials of Grand Representatives.

The following Credentials of Representatives of sister Grand Lodges were presented and accepted by the Grand Lodge, and

the Representatives saluted with the customary Grand Honors, viz :—

R. W. Bro. John Alexander Kerr, for the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.
" " " David James Goggin, for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
V. " " Thomas Robinson, for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
" " " Thomas Lewis Morton, for the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
W. " Charles Napier Bell, for the Grand Lodge of Peru.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, on behalf of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following supplemental report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of lodges begs to report that at the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, there are thirty-seven lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, represented as follows :—Twenty-one by their duly qualified officers, six by proxies, and three are unrepresented.

The total number of votes entitled to be cast at this Annual Communication is 151.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. McCUAIG,
WM. G. BELL,
D. HOPE,
Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, seconded by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, and

Resolved, That the Supplemental Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of Lodges be received and adopted.

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson gave an interesting account of the proceedings of the Convention of present and past Grand Masters, held in Chicago, in June, 1887.

Election of Officers.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren scruti-

neers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz :—M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, R. W. Bro John W. Harris and V. W. Bro. James A. Payne.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term, viz :

M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Winnipeg, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Rapid City, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Warden.

V. W. Bro. Roland C. Brown, Portage la Prairie, Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, Grand Chaplain.

V. W. Bro. Joseph Daniel, Moosomin, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

The following brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were approved by the M.W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. David James Goggin, Winnipeg—No. 1 or Winnipeg District.

W. Bro. Stanley Thorpe Carr, Carman—No. 2 or Emerson District.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Collins, Portage la Prairie—No. 3 or Portage la Prairie District.

W. Bro. James Rogerson, Rapid City—No. 4 or Minnedosa District.

W. Bro Alexander Burns, Brandon—No. 5 or Brandon District.

W. Bro. Henry Sikes, Battleford—No. 6 or Saskatchewan District.

W. Bro. James Brogden, Calgary—No. 7 or Alberta District.

R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, Tangier—No. 8 or Morocco District.

W. Bro. James Weidman, Qu'Appelle—No. 9 or Assiniboia District.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years, viz :

R. W. Bro. David James Goggin.

R. W. Bro. John Walter Harris.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie.

V. W. Bro. Donald Hope.

W. Bro. Daniel Hunter McMillan.

W. Bro. Albert Harrison Van Ettan.

The following were declared duly elected members for the term of one year:

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland.

R. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy.

R. W. Bro. John William Henry Wilson.

R. W. Bro. Frank White Peters.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

V. W. Bro. John Leslie.

V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne.

W. Bro. Joseph Cornell.

Money Grants.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That appropriations be made from the funds of Grand Lodge for the following purposes, viz.:

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 15 00
Printing Proceedings of Thirteenth Annual Communication	200 00
Printing new Constitution	300 00
Grant to Grand Lodge Library	100 00

Vote of Thanks.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Next Annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Frank W. Peters, seconded by V. W. Bro. William F. Ellis, and

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

Thanks to Winnipeg Lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. William G. Scott, seconded by V. W. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley, and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, for the use of its regalia at the present session of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Frank W. Peters, seconded by W. Bro. John McDiarmid, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the various Lodges of the City of Winnipeg for their kindness in placing their hall at the disposal of Grand Lodge for holding its sessions.

Thanks to Railway Companies and Hotels.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Leslie, seconded by W. Bro. William F. Ellis, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Companies, and the North West Coal and Navigation Company, for the courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the companies named.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley, seconded by V. W. Bro. James Weidman, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the proprietors of the various hotels of the City of Winnipeg who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Communication.

Proceedings to be Printed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, seconded by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed not less than eight hundred copies of the Proceedings of the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

Thanks to M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. William G. Scott, seconded by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris, for the valuable advice and assistance rendered in the matter of amendments to the proposed Constitution.

Recommendations to Subordinate Lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge strongly recommends every lodge in this jurisdiction that has not a by-law forbidding the use of intoxicating liquors in its refreshment room, to at once pass a by-law to that effect.

Resolution to Recall Charter of Delinquent Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, seconded by M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and

Resolved, That Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No 18 be notified, that if all returns and payments due Grand Lodge be not paid to the Grand Secretary, on or before 20th September, 1888, or a reason be given for failure, the charter of said lodge shall be declared forfeited.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5.40 P. M., to meet again at 7, P. M.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7 P. M.

Present:

M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

Installation of Officers.

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, assisted by M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

Appointed Officers.

The M. W. Grand Master notified the Grand Lodge of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, when the brethren named were duly installed and invested as follows :

V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, Winnipeg.....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " James Allan MacCaul, Regina.....Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " William Francis Ellis, Manitou, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Thomas Lewis Morton, Gladstone .....Grand Sword Bearer.
" " " Duncan John Campbell, Fort McLeod.....Grand Organist.
" " " Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat ....Grand Pursuivant.
" " " George Edward Applegarth, Battleford.....Grand Steward.
" " " William Sutherland, Fort Qu'Appelle..... " "
" " " Byron Fraser, Morden .... " "
" " " Michael Collins, Carberry ..... " "

Grand Lodge Closed.

The business of Grand Lodge having been ended, it was closed at 8:15 P. M. in ample form.

THOMAS CLARK,
Grand Master.

Wm. G. Scott,
Grand Secretary

P. S.—Two lectures were delivered after the close of Grand Lodge, one by M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris, in which he described in detail his visit to Europe and the Holy Land, the other by R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, Grand Chaplain, on the " Deeper Teachings and Ancient History of Freemasonry." Votes of thanks were tendered the lecturers and expressions of high appreciation were made.

APPENDICES.

Synopsis of Returns of Lodges—December, 1887.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Time of Regular Meetng.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Rejected.	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died.	No of Members Dec. 27, 1886.	Present Membership.
1	Prince Rupert's*	Third Tuesday in each month....	4	4	4	15	3	13	3	5		1	99	102
2	Lisgar*	First Tuesday in each month.....	8	9	7			2	1				67	72
3	Ancient Landmark* ..	Second Monday in each month...	8	8	10	11	3	10	8	7			159	166
4	St. John's	First Wednesday in each month ..	8	8	10	8	3	7	2			2	98	110
5	Hiram	Friday on or before full moon						1		9		1	55	44
6	Emerson	Thursday on or before full moon..		3	4	3	3	5					49	54
7	Assiniboine	Wednesday on or before full moon	5	4	2	4		1					33	38
8	King Solomon	Tuesday on or before full moon...											14	14
9	Oakland.....	Tuesday on or before full moon...		1	1	1		4					25	23
10	Northern Light.....	Last Wednesday in each month ..	4	3	4	1	1	1		5			57	57
11	Gladstone.....	Tuesday on or before full moon...	1	1	1	1		1		1			44	44
12	Stonewall	Tuesday on or before full moon...	2	2	2			4	1	3			31	26
13	Belmont	Thursday on or before full moon..	4	4	4	1		2		9			53	47
14	Prince of Wales	Friday on or before full moon....	3	2	2			3					46	45
15	Corinthian	First Tuesday in each month.....	3	3	4	1		4				1	30	30
16	Kinistino.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	1		2	7		5		3			41	42
17	Saskatchewan.....	Monday on or before full moon...											35	†35
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa .	Thursday after full moon.....											38	†38
19	Brandon	Second Tuesday in each month...	7	8	10	6	1	2	5	4			69	80
20	Pembina	Wednesday on or before full moon		1	1	2		1					28	30

* The three Lodges that constituted the Grand Lodge in 1875. † No returns.

21	Marquette	Second Thursday in each month	5	5	7	5		5			1	1	35	40
23	Wascana	First Tuesday in each month	5	5	5			1					45	49
24	Neepawa	Wednesday on or before full moon	1	1	1			1					20	20
25	Ionic	First Friday in each month	5	10	6	5		4					62	69
26	Moose Jaw	Second Tuesday in each month	4	4	4	3		3					26	30
27	Glenwood	Friday on or before full moon	2	2	3	1				2			16	18
28	Bow River	Monday on or before full moon	7	8	7							1	54	60
29	Carberry	Tuesday on or before full moon	1	1	1	3		2					19	21
30	Manitou	Friday on or before full moon	2	2	2	2		3	1				23	24
31	Medicine Hat	First Tuesday in each month	4	3		1							16	17
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Tuesday on or after full moon	1	5	4				1				12	16
33	Indian Head	First Monday in each month	4	2	5								14	19
34	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before full moon	3	4	4	1		1	1				15	19
35	Moosomin	Wednesday on or after full moon	1	2	3	1							19	23
36	Doric	Tuesday on or before full moon	1	1	2	4		3	2				25	28
37	Alberta	First Tuesday in each month	4	4	3				3				13	16
38	Battle	First Thursday in each month	9	8	8	2		2	3				19	27
39	Birtle	First Tuesday in each month	9	9	8	13								21
40	Deloraine	Wednesday on or before full moon	2	1		14								14
			128	138	141	116	14	91	31	48	1	7	1504	1628

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Post Office.	County.	W. Master.	Secretary.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	N. Agnew, M. D.	Thomas W. Leggo.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Thomas Sinclair	Lynds S. Vaughan
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Joseph Cornell	Noble R. Kirkpatrick
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	James A. Payne	Alex. A. Aird
5	Hiram	Kildonan	Selkirk	Rod'k R. McDonald	Peter K. Dickson
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	D. H. Cameron, M. D.	B. B. Johnston, acting
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	J. A. K. Drummond	Arthur E. J. Durrant.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Robert John Bell	C. A. Skeffington
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Frank D. Stewart	Wm. J. Hemenway
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Fred. B. Ross	Wm. J. Akin
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Arch. S. McGregoe	Charles A. Creery
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar	William T. Vincent	James Lawrence
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin	Byron Fraser	Jacob Heiman
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Thomas J. Cuddy	John F. Boyd
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	George Little Stone	David A. Hopper
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan		Rudolph Oullet	Robert B. Way
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco, Africa		Abraham Pimienta	Joshua M. Benchimol.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	John Colwell	Nicholas J. Halpin
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound	Rock Lake	William McDonald	Wm Cranston
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Henry J. Woodside	Roland C. Brown
23	Wascana	Regina, Assiniboia		James Allan MacCaul	Albert E. MacCaul
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	James H. Davidson	M. H. Fieldhouse
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Hyman Miller	Eugene D. Carey

26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia		Rev. John P. Sargent	James N. McDonald.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Norfolk	James C. Stoyte	John B. Roberts
28	Bow River	Calgary, Alberta		John Lee Bowen	James R. Turnbull
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Michael Collins	Joseph Thompson
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	William F. Ellis	Samuel C. McDonald
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat, Assiniboia		Thomas Tweed	Wm. T. Finlay
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia		William Sutherland	Fred'k S. Proctor
33	Indian Head	Indian Head, Assiniboia		George H. Gamble	David McIntosh
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia		Arch'd C. Paterson	Harold Jagger
35	Moosomin	Moosomin, Assiniboia		Joseph Daniel	John Hewgill
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	Sanford A. Cornell M.D	James Rae
37	Alberta	Fort McLeod, Alberta		Duncan J. Campbell	William Black
38	Battle	Battleford, Saskatchewan		Geo. E. Applegarth	Herbert McCleneghan
39	Birtle	Birtle	Shoal Lake	Francis G. Lewis	John A. Markle
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Turtle Mountain	John Flesher	Joseph H. Stuart

List of Lodges by Districts.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. David James Goggin, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1.—Prince Rupert's ..... Winnipeg,
" 2.—Lisgar ..... Selkirk.
" 3.—Ancient Landmark ..... Winnipeg.
" 4.—St. John's ..... Winnipeg.
" 5.—Hiram ..... Kildonan.
" 6.—Emerson ..... Emerson.
" 10.—Northern Light ..... Winnipeg.
" 12.—Stonewall ..... Stonewall.
" 25.—Ionic ..... Winnipeg.

No. 2.—Emerson District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Stanley Thorpe Carr, *Carman.*

No. 8.—King Solomon ..... Morris.
" 9.—Oakland ..... Carman.
" 13.—Belmont ..... Nelson.
" 20.—Pembina ..... Pilot Mound.
" 30.—Manitou ..... Manitou.
" 36.—Doric ..... Boissevain.
" 40.—Deloraine ..... Deloraine.

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thomas Collins, *Portage la Prairie.*

No. 7.—Assiniboine ..... Portage la Prairie.
" 11.—Gladstone ..... Gladstone.
" 21.—Marquette ..... Portage la Prairie.
" 24.—Neepawa ..... Neepawa.

No. 4.—Minnedosa District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Rogerson, *Rapid City.*

No. 14.—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa.
" 15.—Corinthian ..... Rapid City.
" 39.—Birtle ..... Birtle.

No. 5.—Brandon District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Alexander Burns, *Brandon.*

No. 19.—Brandon ..... Brandon.
" 27.—Glenwood ..... Souris
" 29.—Carberry ..... Carberry.

No. 6.—Saskatchewan District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Rev. Henry Sykes, *Battleford.*

No. 16.—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert.
" 38.—Battle ..... Battleford.

No. 7.—Alberta District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Brogden, *Calgary.*

No. 28.—Bow River ..... Calgary.
" 37.—Alberta ..... Fort McLeod.

No. 8.—Morocco District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, *Tangier.*

No. 18.—Al Moghreb Al Aksa ..... Tangier.

No. 9.—Assiniboia District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Weidman, *Qu'Appelle.*

No. 23.—Wascana ..... Regina.
" 26.—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw.
" 31.—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 32.—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33.—Indian Head ..... Indian Head.
" 34.—Qu'Appelle ..... Qu'Appelle.
" 35.—Moosomin ..... Moosomin.

Recapitulation.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District 9
" 2.—Emerson District 7
" 3.—Portage la Prairie District 4
" 4.—Minnedosa District 3
" 5.—Brandon District 3
" 6.—Saskatchewan District 2
" 7.—Alberta District 2
" 8.—Morocco District 1
" 9.—Assiniboia District 7

Total 38

DEATHS 8–6 LODGES.

"We only know that they are gone,
And that the same returnless tide
Which bore them from us, still glides on,
And we, who mourn them, with it glide."

NAME.	DATE	LODGE.	NO.
Alfred McKeand.....	February 13, 1887..	Prince Rupert.....	.... 1..
Roderick F. McLean....	July 4, 1887	St. John's	.... 4..
David Clark.....	October 20, 1887...	"	.... 4..
*Alexander McCloy. ...	October 30, 1887 ...	"	.... 4..
Hugh Ferguson.....	July 29, 1887	Hiram	.... 5..
William N. Harris	March 1, 1887	Corinthian	....15..
John Clement Ball ...	November 20, 1887.	Marquette.....	....21..
Simon John Hogg	December 6, 1887..	Bow River.....	....28..

* Entered Apprentice.

In Memory of

V. W. Bro. Alfred McKeand,

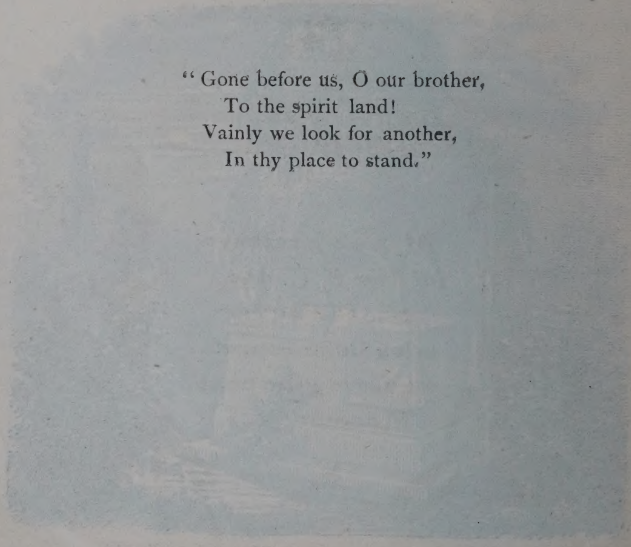
Past Grand Steward.

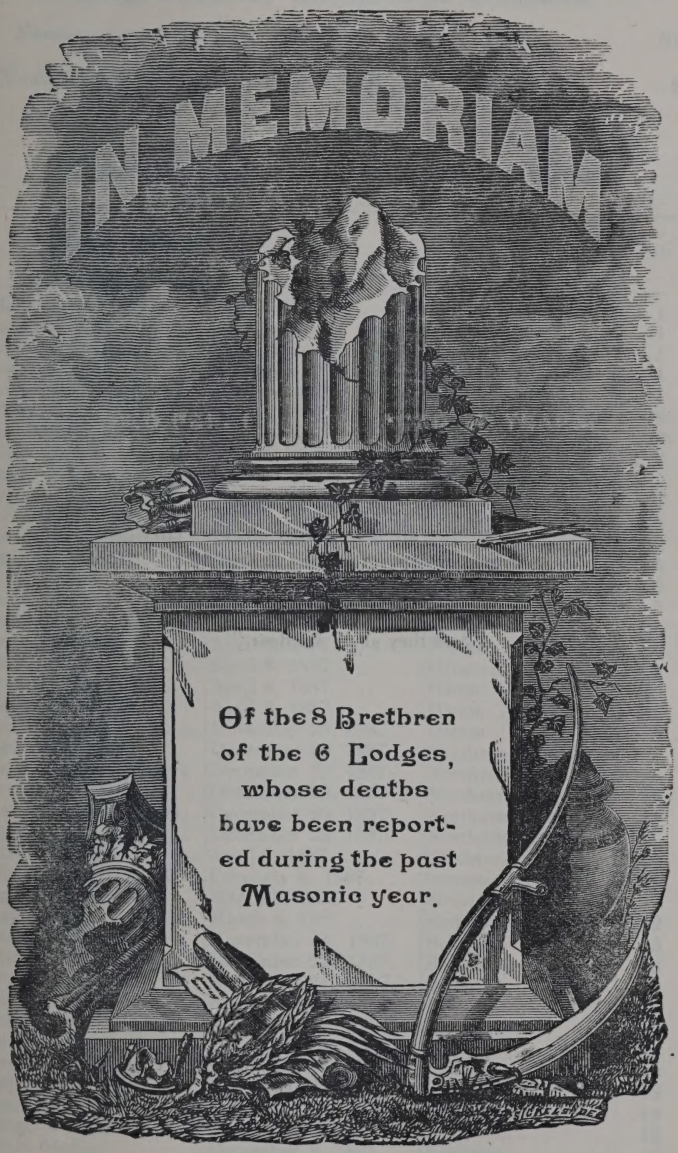
Past Master, Prince Rupert Lodge No. 1.

DIED FEB. 13, 1887. AGED 37 YEARS.

"Death is the Crown of Life."

"Gone before us, O our brother,
To the spirit land!
Vainly we look for another,
In thy place to stand."

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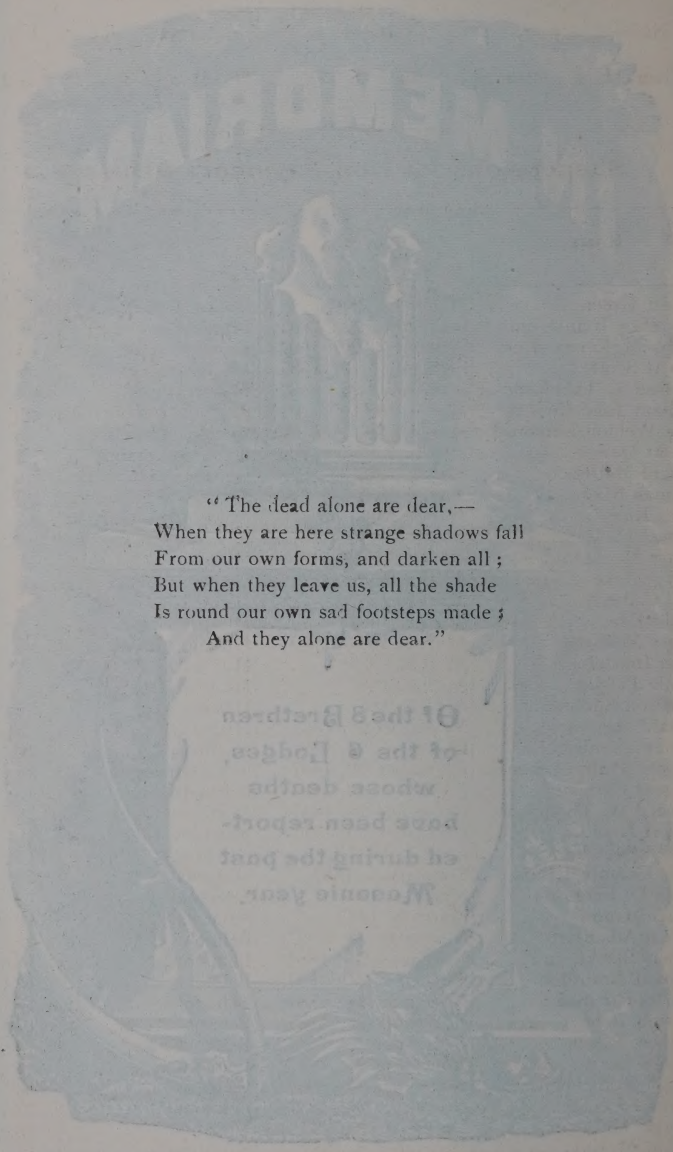
Of the 8 Brethren of the 6 Lodges, whose deaths have been reported during the past Masonic year.



"The dead alone are dear,—
When they are here strange shadows fall
From our own forms, and darken all;
But when they leave us, all the shade
Is round our own sad footsteps made;
And they alone are dear."

Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
William Thomas Munday	June 9, 1887	Marquette	21

Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
Robert Green	March 15. 1887	Prince Rupert	1
Lawrence John Munro	September 20, 1887	Prince Rupert	1
James McKenzie Ross	September 20, 1887	Prince Rupert	1
Robert Scott	September 20, 1887	Prince Rupert	1
Thomas R. Thompson	September 20. 1887	Prince Rupert	1
William John Cooper	May 9, 1887	Ancient Landmark	3
Jesse Weldon Demorest	May 9, 1887	Ancient Landmark	3
Robert Dewar	May 9, 1887	Ancient Landmark	3
Donald Matheson	May 9, 1887	Ancient Landmark	3
Thomas Nixon	May 9, 1887	Ancient Landmark	3
E. P. Rice	May 9, 1887	Ancient Landmark	3
Samuel F. Johnson	December 12, 1887	Ancient Landmark	3
Henry M. Arnold	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
George Aske	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
John Colbert	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
David Ede	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
Henry M. Grier	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
Colin Inkster	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
Frank Palcher	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
Morrison Sutherland	April 8, 1887	Hiram	5
Donald Matheson	November 25, 1887	Hiram	5
Thomas Renwick	December 29, 1887	Northern Light	10
Edward Philip Leacock	December 29, 1887	Northern Light	10
Thomas Carman	December 29, 1887	Northern Light	10
Edward W. Thompson	December 29, 1887	Northern Light	10
Hayter Reid	December 29, 1887	Northern Light	10
Charles McGhie	April 5, 1887	Gladstone	11
Colin Campbell Bunn	February 8, 1887	Stonewall	12
Hugh D. Ferguson	March 8, 1887	Stonewall	12
Donald Gunn	March 8, 1887	Stonewall	12
Abram Adamson	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
Robert Blackburn	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
Richard Brunsdon	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
Charles Crieman	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
Newton Lane	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
Mathew Logan	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
George Leary	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
Joseph Rombough	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
Thomas Rooke	November 24, 1887.	Belmont	13
George McBeath	December 8, 1887	Kinistino	16
Joseph McKay	December 8, 1887	Kinistino	16
Justice Duncan Wilson	December 8, 1887	Kinistino	16
Hugh Robert Cameron	December 13, 1887	Brandon	19
John Rounsfel	December 13, 1887	Brandon	19

Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues—Continued.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Arthur N. Molesworth..	December 13, 1887...	Brandon.....	.19
Ronald C. Ferguson	December 13, 1887...	Brandon.....	..19
William Albert King....	November 25, 1887...	Glenwood.....	..27
Francis V. Young... ..	November 25, 1887...	Glenwood.....	..27

Restored.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
James Gordon Crombie..	April 19, 1887.....	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
Thomas R. Thompson ..	October 15, 1887.....	Prince Rupert.....	.. 1
Arnold Gilroy.....	May 9, 1887.....	Ancient Landmark..	.. 3
Daniel John Houlahan..	January 10, 1887.....	Ancient Landmark..	.. 3
Samuel F. Johnston.....	December 16, 1887...	Ancient Landmark..	.. 3
John Cuddy.....	February 2, 1887.....	St. John's.....	.. 4
Alexander Tait.....	November 2, 1887....	St. John's.....	. 4
John McMillan.....	December 6, 1887....	St. John's.....	.. 4
William D. Creighton...	February 3, 1887.....	Emerson.....	.. 6
Neil Stewart	May 5, 1887.....	Emerson.....	.. 6
Thomas Andrew Cole. .	July 28, 1887.....	Emerson.....	.. 6
Edward Philip Leacock..	February 23, 1887....	Northern Light.....	..10
Hugh Robert Cameron..	December 27, 1887...	Brandon.....	..19

List of Grand Officers for 1888.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark, Winnipeg.....Grand Master.
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W. Bro. James Brogden, Calgary..... ..... D. D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. Levi Abraham Cohen, Tangier .....D. D. G. M.
W. Bro. James Weidman, Qu'Appelle.....D. D. G. M.
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R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg.....Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, Winnipeg.... Grand Senior Deacon.
" " James Allan MacCaul, Regina..... Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William Francis Ellis, Manitou...Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " Thomas Lewis Morton, Gladstone.....Grand Sword Bearer
" " Duncan John Campbell, Fort McLeod .....Grand Organist.
" " Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat ....Grand Pursuivant.
" " George Edward Applegarth, Battleford.....Grand Steward.
" " William Sutherland, Fort Qu'Appelle ....Grand Steward.
" " Byron Fraser, Morden... ..... Grand Steward.
" " Michael Collins, Carberry.. .....Grand Steward.
" John McBride .....Grand Tyler.

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ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM THE DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

DATE	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. CHAPLAIN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Rev. W. C. Clarke*	Hon. W. N. Kennedy.*	Jas. Henderson.	S. L. Bedson....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	Col. JohnKennedy*	H. T. Champion..	John H. Bell.....
1876	Hon. W. N. Kennedy*	James Henderson.	S. L. Bedson....	G. F. Newcomb.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston....	J. W. Harris.....	John H. Bell.....
1877	G. F. Newcomb..	James Henderson.	John W. Harris.	E. G. Conklin...	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	J. J. Johnston....	Col. JohnKennedy*	John H. Bell.....
1878	G. F. Newcomb..	John W. Harris...	Simon Duffin...	F. T. Bradley*..	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	J. J. Johnston....	Col. JohnKennedy*	John H. Bell.....
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris...	Simon Duffin...	R. McCuaig....	Rev. James Flett..	J. J. Johnston....	James Munro.....	John H. Bell.....
80	John H. Bell.....	E. G. Conklin.....	Hon. G. McMicken.	J. M. McGregor	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston....	D. G. Dick.....	Wm. G. Scott....
1881	John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	D. B. Murray†	C. F. Forrest....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston....	D. G. Dick.....	Jas. Henderson...
1882	John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Alfred Pearson..	C. F. Forrest....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston....	D. G. Dick.....	H. D. P LeCappelain.‡
1883	John H. Bell.....	D. B. Murray†....	R. McCuaig....	Jno. Smith, M.D†	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston....	D. Young, M.D...	Wm. G. Scott....
1884	John H. Bell.....	C. F. Forrest.....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M. D.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	J. J. Johnston....	Wm. Simpsom....	Wm. G. Scott....
1885	C. F. Forrest.....	Alfred Pearson....	P. McGregor....	Thos. Collins....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	John McKechnie..	J. W. H. Wilson..	Wm. G. Scott....
1886	Alfred Pearson....	Peter McGregor ..	J. W. H. Wilson	J. K. Brydon†..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....
1887	Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr.....	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John McKechnie..	James S. Greig....	Wm. G. Scott....
1888	Thomas Clark.....	James A. Ovas ...	William G. Bell.	R C. Brown....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.	John McKechnie..	Joseph Daniel	Wm. G. Scott....

* Dead.

† Removed from jurisdiction.

‡ Expelled.

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Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael	Ozard.
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British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria.
Canada	Æ. Irving	Hamilton.
California	John Mills Browne	Vallego.
Colorado	John Widderfield	El Moro.
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London.
Cuba and Colon	Juan Jubizareta	Havana.
Dakota	Samuel Roy	Lead City.
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Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahasa.
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington.
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville.
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport.
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo.
Iowa	George W. VanLeuven	Clear Springs.
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca.
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville.
Louisiana	Charles Chaffee	New Orleans.
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren.
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson.
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron.
Minnesota	J. B. Cummings	Winona.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D.	Sardis.
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis.
Montana	J McKnight	Virginia City.
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City.
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City.
New Brunswick	W. F. Dibblee	Woodstock.
New Jersey	Wm. Hardacre	Camden.
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec.
New South Wales	Alfred Burne, M. D	Sydney.
New York	Samuel Jones	New York City.
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M. D.	Hopewell
Ohio	John D. Calwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette.
Pennsylvania	Gen. Louis Wagner	Philadelphia.
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima.
Prince Edward Island	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Wm. H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence.
Scotland	Dr. James Cranston	Edinburg.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	T. C. Cawood	Dandridge.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Freedom H. Church	Corinne.
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville.
Washington Territory	Thomas Taylor Minor	Townsend.
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne.
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne.

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Colorado	William Henry Seach	Winnipeg.
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg.
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Dakota	Rev. James M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg.
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England	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
Florida	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg.
Georgia	Thomas Lewis Morton	Gladstone.
Idaho	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg.
Illinois	Samuel L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Indian Territory	James M. McGregor	Winnipeg.
Iowa	Thomas Clark	Winnipeg.
Kansas	James Alexander Ovas	Souris.
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
Maine	George Munroe	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Alexander Nichol	Gladstone.
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg.
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg.
Mississippi	William George Bell	Winnipeg.
Missouri	James Munroe	Springfield.
Montana	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg.
Nebraska	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.
Nevada	William McDonald	Pilot Mound.
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New Hampshire	David James Goggin	Winnipeg.
New Jersey	William John Ptolemy	Winnipeg.
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New South Wales	Christopher F. Forrest	Winnipeg.
New York	John Walter Harris	Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia	David B. Murray	Winnipeg.
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg.
Oregon	Alexander G. McKenzie	Stonewall.
Pennsylvania	William George Scott	Winnipeg.
Peru	Charles Napier Bell	Winnipeg.
Prince Edward Island	Elias George Conklin	Winnipeg.
Quebec	Samuel L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Rhode Island	Richard W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg.
Scotland	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg.
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon.
South Carolina	Gilbert McMicken	Winnipeg.
Tennessee	James A. Griffith	Minnedosa.
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon.
Virginia	William Ross Black	Carberry.
Washington Territory	Rev. James M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
West Virginia	John Alexander Kerr	Regina.
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg.
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.

List of Grand Lodges and the Names and Addresses of the Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODCE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery, Masonic Temple
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
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Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Pueblo.
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Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
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Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	J. H. Wickersham	Boise City.
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Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
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Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg.
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Michigan	William P. Innis	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keene	Las Vegas.
New South Wales	M. T. Mooney	Sydney.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Masonic Temple.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax,
Ohio	John D Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nesbit	Philadelphia, Masonic Temple.
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	T. W. Hudson	Houston, Masonic Temple.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Levant M. Reed	Bellows Falls.
Victoria	Henry W. Holloway	Melbourne.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Cheyenne.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Grand * Lodge * of * Manitoba,

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

—AT THE—

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th of February, A.L. 5889, A.D. 1889.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF AN

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

A. F. & A. M.,

Held at the Town of Prince Albert, District of Saskatchewan, Northwest Territory, on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, A.L. 5888, A.D. 1888.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett, P.D.D.G.M., as Grand Master.
W. " Rudolph Ouellette ..... as Deputy Grand Master.
" " Charles F. Young ..... as Grand Senior Warden.
" " Thomas J. Agnew ..... as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Robert B. Way ..... as Grand Treasurer.
" George S. Davison ..... as Grand Secretary.
" Rev. A. H. H. Wright ..... as Grand Chaplain.
" Albert C. Davison ..... as Grand Senior Deacon.
" John F. Betts ..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" Andrew E. Porter ..... as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" R. H. Bratnober ..... as Grand Sword Bearer.
" Alexander Sprcat ..... as Grand Organist.
" Alexander R. Burns ..... as Grand Steward.
" Thomas E. Baker ..... as Grand Steward.
" Thomas McKay ..... as Grand Pursuivant.
" George A. Miller. ..... as Grand Tyler.
And other brethren, members of Kinistino Lodge, No. 16 as visitors.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *Form*, at 1 p.m., in the Lodge Room. by R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett, P.D.D.G.M., who appeared as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master, by whom he had been commissioned to lay the Corner Stone of Nesbit Academy.

A procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Book of Constitution, was formed and proceeded to the site of the Academy; when the Acting Grand Master, supported by the Acting Grand Officers, passed to the corner of the building where the stone was to be laid, where a platform had been erected for the Acting Grand Officers and brethren. The opening ceremony was commenced by Bro. Rev. A. A. H. Wright offering up an appropriate prayer.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll:—

BY THE FAVOR OF

THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE,

On the 20th day of June, A.D., 1888, and of the era of Free Masonry, A.L., 5888, and in the 51st year of the Reign of

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY

VICTORIA,

Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD STANLEY, OF PRESTON,
Being Governor-General of Canada;

THE HONORABLE EDGAR DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories;

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, G.C.B.,
Premier of the Dominion of Canada;

THOMAS CLARK, ESQ.
M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba;

HUGH U. BAIN, M.D.,
Mayor of the Town of Prince Albert;

JOHN STEWART, THOMAS J. AGNEW, JAS. L. JOHNSON, JOSEPH KNOWLES, THOMAS O. DAVIS, ESQUIRES, Councillors;

THE HON. LAWRENCE CLARKE,
Chief-Factor of the Hudson Bay Company;

DAY HART MACDOWALL, M.P. for Saskatchewan;

OWEN E. HUGHES, ESQ., Sheriff.

A List of Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba;

A List of Officers of Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, G.R.M.;

Copies of the several papers published by the Presbyterian Church Management;

Copy of the "Prince Albert Times;"

Canadian Coins.

The scroll, list of officers, papers and coins were then deposited in the cavity, and the ceremony was then proceeded with in accordance with Masonic usage.

ADDRESSES WERE DELIVERED BY

MR. LAWRENCE CLARKE, REV. DR. JARDINE, J. H. HOWARD, VEN-ARCHDEACON GEO. MACKAY, HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BAIN.

The Grand Honors having been given the procession reformed and marched back to the Lodge Room, when, after the Acting Master had addressed the brethren the Lodge was closed in *Form*, at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST,

THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA ★ ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS ★
AUDI VIDE TACE
MAY 12 5875

Wm. G. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

A. F. & A. M.,

AT THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th days of February, A.L. 5889, A.D. 1889.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas ..... as Grand Master.
" " " John Walter Harris ..... as Deputy Grand Master.
" " " William George Bell ..... Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Joseph Cornell ..... as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. David James Goggin, D.D G.M. ..... No. 1, or Winnipeg District.
" " " John Andrew Davidson, D.D.G.M., No. 3, or Portage La Prairie District.
" " " James Rogerson, D.D.G.M. ..... No. 4, or Minnedosa District.
" " " James Weidman, D.D.G.M. ..... No. 9, or Assiniboia District.
" " " William George Scott ..... Grand Secretary.
" " " Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara .. Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne ..... Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " Robert White Woodroofe ..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " William Francis Ellis ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Richard Wm. Allen Rolph ..... as Grand Pursuivant.
" " " Byron Fraser ..... Grand Steward.
" " " Michael Collins ..... " "
" " " John Montgomery ..... " "
Bro. John McBride ..... Grand Tyler.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel Pritchard Matheson, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Florida.

M. W. Bro. George Black, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. Simon Duffin, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Wyoming.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

R. W. Bro. Alexander James Belch, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

R. W. Bro. John Walter Harris, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

R. W. Bro. John William Henry Wilson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of California.

R. W. Bro. David James Goggin, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

V. W. Bro. Alexander Nichol, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

W. Bro. John Stanley Hough, Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

R. W. Bro. Elias George Conklin, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R. W. Bro. Gilbert McMicken, Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

R. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

V. W. Bro. Richard William Allan Rolph, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Lewis Morton, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

W. Bro. Alexander Grant McKenzie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, representative of the Grand Lodge of Peru.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. George Black..... Past Grand Master.
M. W. " Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson " " "
R. W. " John Walter Harris ..... " Deputy Grand Master.
" " Elias George Conklin ..... " " " "
" " William George Scott..... " " " "
" " Simon Duffin..... " Grand Senior Warden.
" " Gilbert McMicken..... " " " "
" " Roderick McCuaig ..... " " " "
" " John William Henry Wilson ... " " " "
" " Alexander James Belch ..... " " Junior Warden (Hon.)
" " Roderick McCuaig ..... Past District Deputy Grand Master
" " Willard C. Copeland ..... " " " " "
" " William John Ptolemy..... " " " " "

PAST MASTERS.

R.W. Bro. Elias George Conklin,
" " William George Scott,
V.W. " John Leslie,
" " Joseph Hurssell,
" " John James Jackson,
" " Daniel Hunter McMillan,
W. " Niven Agnew,
M.W. " George Black,
W. " John Frederick Kennedy,
W. " William Gibbs,
R.W. " Simon Duffin,
" " William George Bell,
V.W. " Richard Wm. Allan Rolph,
" " Daniel Hope,
" " Albert Harrison Van Etten,
" " Arthur Walter Ross Markley
" " George Edward Fulthorpe,
W. " Joseph Cornell,
R.W. " Alexander James Belch,
" " John Walter Harris,
" " William John Ptolemy,
W. " James Levy,
R.W. " Canon Jas. Dallas O'Meara
V.W. " David Henry McFadden,
R.W. " Roderick McCuaig,
W. " John A. K. Drummond,
W. " Robert John Bell,
M.W. " Rev. Canon Samuel Pritchard Matheson.
R.W. " David James Goggin,
W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell,
V.W. " Thomas Robinson,
W. " John Beaufort Somerset.
" " George R. Thompson,
R.W. " Gilbert McMicken,
W. " John Stanley Hough,
V.W. " Alexander Nichol,
" " Thomas Lewis Morton,
W. " John Mason,
" " Archibald S. McGregor.
" " Alexander Grant McKenzie
V.W. " John Montgomery.
W. " William Thomas Vincent,
" " Robert Brown,
V.W. " Thomas Alfred Cuddy,
R.W. " James Alexander Ovas,
" " James Rogerson.
W. " John Colwell,
" " Henry Joseph Woodside,
R.W. " John A. Davidson,
" " John William Henry Wilson
" " Willard C. Copeland,
W. " Hyman Miller,
" " James Johnson White,
" " Amos Rowe,
W. " Lendrum McMeans,
V.W. " Michael Collins,
" " Wm. Francis Ellis.
R.W. " James Weidman,
W. " Thomas McPherson.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM at 8.30 P.M., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the Proceedings.

The Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies

from Lodges, as required by the Constitution, reported the following as being present, viz. :—

No. 1.—PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe, W. M.; Bro. John Henry D. Munson, S. W.; Bro. Thomas William Leggo, J. W.

No. 2.—LISGAR LODGE, SELKIRK.

Bro. John Buchanan, S. W.; Bro. John James Erskine, J. W.

No. 3.—ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. Benjamin Smeed, W. M.; Bro. William Andrew Windatt, S. W.; Bro. Andrew McDiarmid, J. W.

No. 4.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. Arthur Stewart, W. M.; Bro. Samuel Gibson Getty Thompson, S. W.; Bro. Alexander A. Aird, J. W.

No. 5.—HIRAM LODGE, KILDONAN.

W. Bro. James Andrew Bell, W. M.; Bro. John Fadden Campbell, S.W.; Bro. Angus John Munroe, J. W.

No. 6.—EMERSON LODGE, EMERSON.

W. Bro. William John Whitley, W. M.; Bro. Alfred Edward Hopkinson, S. W.

No. 7.—ASSINIBOINE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

W. Bro. Richard Taylor, W. M.

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON LODGE, MORRIS.

W. Bro. Robert Fairbairn McTavish, W. M.

No. 9.—OAKLAND LODGE, CARMAN.

W. Bro. Frank Duncan Stewart. W. M.; Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw, J.W.

No. 10.—NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, WINNIPEG.

M. W. Bro. George Black, W. M.; Bro. Thomas Henry Gilmour, J. W.

No. 11.—GLADSTONE LODGE, GLADSTONE.

W. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor, W. M.

No. 12.—STONEWALL LODGE, STONEWALL.

W. Bro. John McOuat, W. M.; Bro. Rev. Arthur William Goulding, S.W.; Bro. Isaac Walton, J. W.

No. 13.—BELMONT LODGE, MORDEN.

W. Bro. Byron Fraser, W. M.; Bro. Jacob Heiman, S. W.

No. 14.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, MINNEDOSA.

W. Bro. John Franklin Boyd, W. M.

No. 15.—CORINTHIAN LODGE, RAPID CITY.

R. W. Bro. James Rogerson, Proxy.

No. 16.—KINISTINO LODGE, PRINCE ALBERT.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, Proxy.

No. 18.—AL MOGHREB AL AKSA LODGE, TANGIER, MOROCCO.

R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Proxy.

No. 19.—BRANDON LODGE, BRANDON.

W. Bro. Peter Cuthbert Duncan, W. M.

No. 21.—MARQUETTE LODGE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Bro. Hamilton Douglas, S. W.

No. 23.—WASCANA LODGE, REGINA.

W. Bro. Albert Harrison VanEtten, Proxy.

No. 24.—NEEPAWA LODGE, NEEPAWA.

R. W. Bro. John Andrew Davidson, Proxy.

No. 25.—IONIC LODGE, WINNIPEG.

W. Bro. James Johnson White, W. M.; Bro. Henry Fry, J. W.

No. 26.—MOOSE JAW LODGE, MOOSE JAW.

V. W. Bro. Andrew Payne, Proxy.

No. 27.—GLENWOOD LODGE, SOURIS.

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Proxy.

No. 28.—BOW RIVER LODGE, CALGARY.

W. Bro. Amos Rowe, Proxy.

No. 29.—CARBERRY LODGE, CARBERRY.

W. Bro. James Dickson, W. M.; Bro. William Dickie, S. W.

No. 30.—MANITOU LODGE, MANITOU.

W. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley, W. M.; Bro. William Edward Thompson, J. W.

No. 33—INDIAN HEAD LODGE, INDIAN HEAD.

W. Bro. David McIntosh, W. M.

No. 34.—QU'APPELLE LODGE, QU'APPELLE

R. W. Bro. James Weidman, Proxy.

No. 35—MOOSOMIN LODGE, MOOSOMIN.

Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewis, S. W.

No. 37. ALBERTA LODGE, FORT MCLEOD.

W. Bro. Daniel Hunter McMillan, Proxy.

No. 38.—BATTLE LODGE, BATTLEFORD.

R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Proxy.

No. 40.—DELORAINE LODGE, DELORAINE.

W. Bro. Thomas Henry Kellett, W.M., Bro. Alfred Peter Stuart, S.W.

NORTH STAR LODGE, U. D., LETHBRIDGE.

W. Bro. Thomas McPherson, W. M.

The R. W. Acting Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the hours of business, be considered as read.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Thirteenth Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th days of February, 1888, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Prince Albert, District of Saskatchewan, on Wednesday 20th day of June, A.D. 1888, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at an Especial Communication, held at the Town of Prince Albert, on the 20th day of June, 1888, be considered as read and now confirmed.

The R. W. Acting Grand Master read the following address to the Brethren assembled in Grand Communication :—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHERN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

In the good Providence of God you are permitted to meet in the Fourteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

I am thankful that we have now more suitable premises in which to hold these gatherings. It was my privilege to dedicate this hall with the proper ceremonies, to the purpose of Free Masonry, and I am glad to know that the various City Lodges have benefitted by the change of location.

It was my settled purpose to have visited officially many of the Lodges in the jurisdiction during the year just closed, but circumstances which I could not control rendered it impossible, and I ask you, dear Brethren, to "take the will for the deed."

I take this opportunity of thanking R. W. Bro. Bell, Grand Senior Warden, and W. Bro. VanEtten for valuable services rendered in visting very many Lodges. I also thank our indefatigable Grand Secretary for his unwearied faithfulness in the discharge of his arduous duties.

During the year we were favored with a visit from the Knights Templars of Fargo and other adjacent points, and I was pleased to find, that the fact of their being "Blue Masons" was recognized by the various City Lodges in a most fraternal manner.

The following is a list of my official acts during the year :—

Dispensations Issued.

15th May, 1888.—To Northern Light Lodge No. 10 to elect and install W. M., J. W. and Secretary.

27th December, 1888.—To Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31 to install officers at other than the time specified in its By-laws.

25th October, 1888.—To Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 32 to install officers.

18th June, 1888.—To Indian Head Lodge No. 33 to install Bro. D. McIntosh as W. M., he not having served as Warden.

10th January, 1889.—To Moosomin Lodge No. 35 to install officers.

" " —To Birtle Lodge No. 39 to install officers.

I have refused several requests for dispensations to wear regalia at balls and dinners.

I have also granted dispensations to the following Lodges to wear regalia at Divine Service :

24th June, 1888	.....	To the Winnipeg Lodges.
1st July	"	" Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.
24th June	"	" Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14.
30th Dec.	"	" Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
24th June	"	" Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32.
"	"	" Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.
27th Dec.	"	" Battle Lodge, No. 38.
"	"	" Oakland Lodge, No. 9.
27th Jany. 1889	.....	" Deloraine Lodge, No. 40.

Grand Representatives.

During the year the following named brethren have received commissions as representatives from Sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :

30th November, 1888.—V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona, vice John Young Cain.

27th November, 1888.—V. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, of Minnedosa, for the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, vice David Gemmell Dick, left jurisdiction.

16th May, 1888.—R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, re-appointed for triennial period ending 1st January, 1891.

24th January, 1889.—R. W. Bro. Roland C. Brown, of Portage la Prairie, for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, vice James Anthony Griffith, left jurisdiction.

New By-laws Confirmed.

I have confirmed new By-laws for the following named Lodges, after the same had been examined and approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz. :

Prince Rupert's Lodge	.....	No. 1
Lisgar	"	" 2
Ancient Landmark	"	" 3
St. John's	"	" 4
Hiram	"	" 5
Stonewall	"	" 12
Brandon	"	" 19
Ionic	"	" 25
Moosomin	"	" 35

Also amendments to Gladstone Lodge No 11 and Doric Lodge No. 36.

Decisions.

I have during the year given the following decisions :

1. In opening and closing a Lodge of Master Masons it is necessary to open in full in the three degrees ; but in closing, I see no objection to closing in the third and second degrees in short form and in *full* on the first degree.

2. The conferring of the Past Master's Degree is not a necessary part of the Ceremonies of Installation in this jurisdiction.

Death (who has all seasons for his own) has been busy since we last met, and many voices that we loved to hear are now hushed in eternal silence.

M. W. Bro. Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Free Masonry, who was present at our last Annual Communication, and who did your Grand Master the honor of dedicating to him the charming poem, "In White Array," has gone to receive his wages from the Grand Master in Heaven ; also R. W. Bro. Levi A. Cohen, D.D.G.M., of the Morocco District, was called to rest on the 8th November. last.

The death that touches us most nearly is that of M. W. Bro. The Hon. Thomas White, one of the ablest advisers of His Excellency in the Dominion Cabinet. He was called away after a brief illness in the midst of his usefulness, and his removal is regarded by all thoughtful men as a national loss.

And now, dear Brethren, I crave your indulgence for the paucity of this address, and for my non-attendance at Grand Lodge.

A sore bereavement has come upon me with such appalling suddenness, and with such crushing weight, that it is with extreme difficulty I can throw these few sentences together. If to some of you it seems a weakness, dear Brethren, I pray you cover it with the mantle of a Mason's charity, and may our Heavenly Father preserve you all from such a sorrow.

Many important matters will engage your attention; may the Great Architect of the universe guide your deliberations.

Permit me now, in returning to you the emblem of authority which you entrusted to me two years ago, to thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and for the kind consideration which you have always extended to me.

In closing, let me say to each one:

"Take thou no thought for aught save truth and right,
Content, if such thy fate, to die obscure;
Wealth palls, and honors; fame may not endure,
And noble souls soon weary of delight.
Keep innocence; be all a true man ought;
Let neither pleasure tempt nor pain appall;
Who hath this, he hath all things, having naught,
Who hath it not, hath nothing, having all."

THOMAS CLARK,
Grand Master.

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Winnipeg District No. 1. The following table contains in convenient form, for reference and comparison, the information I have obtained as to membership, work and financial standing of each lodge in this district:

WINNIPEG DISTRICT No. 1.

Names.		Membership.				Degrees Conferred.			Finances.							
Names of Lodges.	No. of Lodge.	Members on Roll Dec. 27, 1888.	Number of Regular Meetings.	Number of Emergent Meetings.	Average Attendance of Members at Regular Meetings	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Yearly Rental of Hall.	Value of Lodge Furniture and Jewels.	For how much Insured.	Funds on Hand Dec. 27, 1888.	How Invested.	Amount of Dues Uncollected Dec. 27, 1888.	No. of Members in Arrears One Year.	No. of Members in Arrears over One Year.
Prince Rupert	1	108	13	2	23	4	6	3	$132	$225 00	$200 00	$42 21	Bank Ottawa	$260 75	19	17
Lisgar	2	59	11	7	20	4	5	3	180	368 75	.....	42 57	Treasurer.	372 28	2	15
Ancient Landmark	3	175	13	9	30	11	12	12	132	922 39	833 33	420 40	Imperial B'k.	415 40	51	13
St. John's	4	122	13	2	39	5	5	5	132	598 39	533 33	665 36	Imperial B'k.	264 00	31	5
Hiram	5	40	7	0	10	0	0	0	50	400 00	.....	15 74	Com'rcial B'k	140 47	0	19
Emerson	6	53	12	1	15	4	4	4	5	300 00	.....	77 53	.....	87 64	0	12
Northern Light	10	53	9	1	6	0	0	0	132	200 00	.....	3 75	.....	309 75	12	9
Stonewall	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..
Ionic	25	66	13	0	18	2	1	1	132	180 00	.....	89 09	Merchants B.	354 88	3	29

PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE NO. 1.

The gain in membership from year to year is small in number but excellent in character. The work of the late officers was, as a whole, pretty satisfactory. The present officers meet regularly for practice in order that their work may be done smoothly and in strict accordance with the Ritual. Their close attention to ceremonial has already had a beneficial effect. Owing chiefly to heavy drafts for relief the financial condition of this lodge is not so satisfactory as it was last year. The books for the year ending Dec., 27, 1887, have not yet been audited though the auditors were duly notified of their appointment early in 1888. The Secretary's work was, as usual, admirably done.

LISGAR LODGE NO. 2.

This lodge has had to mourn the loss of W. Bro. Sinclair, a skilled and enthusiastic mason. Its work is done with marked accuracy—its junior officers deserving especial commendation for their attention to those details of ceremonial which add so much to the effectiveness of accurate ritual. The recently installed officers meet regularly for practice in order to maintain and if possible excel the high standard attained last year. The amount of uncollected dues has been considerably reduced since last report but their still remains much too large a sum owing the lodge. The Secretary's books, with the exception of the Historical Register, are in a satisfactory condition.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE NO. 3.

The membership of this, the largest lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, was incorrectly reported last year. It should have been 175 instead of 166. That it has had a prosperous year is evident from the number of degrees conferred at its twenty-two meetings, and from its financial condition. The Secretary's books were neat but inaccurate in some respects. His successor, after very considerable labor, has corrected these inaccuracies.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 4.

This lodge has the largest increase in membership, the largest amount of funds on hand and the smallest number of members over one year in arrears of any lodge in this jurisdiction. Its average attendance of members is very satisfactory, its work carefully done, its books neat and accurate.

HIRAM LODGE NO. 5.

I made certain recommendations respecting this lodge last year. In order that nothing should be done hastily, I have allowed a year to elapse without further action. An examination of this year's statistics and a comparison of them with those presented last year lead me to the conclusion that the opinion expressed then needs no modification. The furniture and jewels

valued at $400 are still uninsured. No auditors report was presented during 1888.

EMERSON LODGE No. 6.

I have to express my regret that after having arranged to visit this lodge, circumstances that I could not control compelled me to cancel my engagement the day before the meeting. One satisfactory feature of its report is the smallest amount of outstanding dues $87.64—the smallest amount of any lodge in this jurisdiction. Its furniture and jewels valued at $300 should be insured.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE No. 10.

The W.M. and J.W. of this lodge left the jurisdiction early in the year. After several months a dispensation was obtained and a W.M. and J.W. elected and installed. Later on the S.W. left the jurisdiction. The most strenuous efforts of the few zealous members of this lodge failed to secure an average attendance sufficiently large to enable it to open without the assistance of visitors. I am bound to add that the officers did not make that personal effort which might fairly have been expected of them. After a careful consideration of all the circumstances it has been decided to surrender the charter as soon as the financial affairs of the lodge can be satisfactorily arranged. The books are in admirable condition.

STONEWALL LODGE No. 12.

Internal dissensions arising out of a disputed ownership of its hall threaten to destroy this lodge. At the time of my visit I made preliminary arrangements for referring the matters in dispute to arbitrators, but owing to the pressure of my own business I was unable to complete them. The Secretary's report not having been received I am unable to give any statistics.

IONIC LODGE No. 25.

The membership of this lodge is slightly smaller than that of last year. Its work, while showing a tendency to innovation, was spiritedly and intelligently done. Its financial condition is not quite satisfactory. The amount of outstanding dues is much too large for a lodge having so small a cash balance. Its furniture and jewels are uninsured. Its secretary's books are a great improvement on those of last year.

GENERAL.

HALL.—Since our last Communication the Lodges in Winnipeg have moved into the convenient hall in which the Grand Lodge meets to-day, and have established a reading room in connection therewith. This room, which is open every day, together with the Grand Lodge Library affords brethren ample opportunity to make themselves acquainted with the past and present condition of Masonry.

DUES.—Article 212 of the Constitution is read in so many ways that I think it would be well for Grand Lodge either to interpret or amend it. Then W. M's would know exactly how to deal with arrears of dues—a pressing question in many lodges. As now read by some, myself amongst the number, it is deemed harsh, but until changed in a constitutional manner the W. M. is bound to proceed in accordance with it, leaving the lodge to remit dues or extend time of payment as it may seem fit. He is there to administer the law, not to make it.

BOARD OF RELIEF.—The Winnipeg Board of Relief, to which all cases of outside brethren needing assistance are referred, has done, and is doing, a very necessary work carefully and well. The following report from the energetic Secretary will explain its position:

WINNIPEG, December 17th, 1888.

To the Chairman and Members of the Winnipeg Masonic Relief Board.

Your Secretary-Treasurer begs to submit the Report of the transactions of your Board for the year ending the 17th of December, 1888.

Your Board has expended during the year, the sum of $70 (seventy dollars) for the relief of cases of distress, and of this sum, the amount of $25 (twenty five dollars), was granted towards paying the funeral expenses of a deceased brother of Hiram Lodge No. 5, under the following circumstances:—The family of the brother being entirely destitute, his lodge contributed all the money they had in the treasury, which amount not being sufficient, application was made to your Board by M. W. Bro. Canon Matheson, for the amount mentioned.

Your Secretary-Treasurer has to report, that on account of there being sufficient cash on hand to meet all possible demands, the capitation tax due by the contributing lodges for the half year ending June 27th, 1888, was by resolution of your Board remitted.

Ionic Lodge No. 25, is still indebted to your Board for the sum of $59.50 (fifty-nine dollars fifty cents), which has been accumulating since December 1884. Your Secretary-Treasurer herewith submits a detailed statement of receipts and expenditure and of available assets.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. WOODROOFE,

Secretary-Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1887—Dec.	13	To cash on hand as per Auditors Report	$124 40
1888—Jan.	17	" C. Stewart, on account of loan	5 00
Feb.	18	" Ancient Landmark Lodge .	
		Capitation Tax, ½ year ending June 24th, 1888 .	41 50
			$170 90

EXPENDITURE.

1888—Sept.	13	By Ancient Landmark Lodge	
		Returns of Capitation Tax ½ year	$41 50
Sept.	21	By funeral expenses of late Bro. Thos. White	
		Hiram Lodge No. 5, G. R. M	25 00
May	28	By Bro. R. Cran, loan	10 00
July	21	" Bro. M. Netterfied, loan	2 00
Aug.	18	" " " "	3 00
"	20	" Bro. L. Zimmerman, loan	10 00
"	25	" Telegrams re Bro. L. Zimmerman	2 15
"	25	" Bro. Johnston, 1 week board	5 00
Nov.	28	" Bro. W. B. Lee, loan	15 00
Dec.	17	" Postal cards	50
"	17	" Balance of cash on hand	56 75
			$170 90

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$56 75
Prince Rupert's Lodge, capitation tax, ½ year ending Dec. 27th, 1888	27 75
Ancient Landmark " " " "	49 00
St. John's Lodge, " " " "	32 75
Northern Light, " " " "	13 25
Ionic Lodge, arrears $59.50, " " "	75 75
	$255 25

In retiring from the office with which the brethren of this district have twice honored me, I have to thank them for the official support which they have at all times heartily accorded me, and for the personal kindness which has everywhere been shown me.

All of which is fraternaly submitted.

D. J. GOGGIN,
D.D.G.M., Winnipeg District No. 1.

No. 2.—Emerson District.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Emerson District No. 2, or more properly speaking a report of what I have seen of the condition of Masonry in this district. I find, at the end of my term of office, that my report must take the form of an apology more than anything else. Owing to my farm work in summer and sickness in my family in the autumn I was unable to visit any of the lodges in my district west of Manitou before the end of November. I decided to visit my friends in the East for the holidays, from whence I only returned on 1st of February, so deprived myself the pleasure of visiting any of the other lodges in my district.

KING SOLOMON LODGE NO. 8.

I regret to say I have heard nothing from this lodge during the past year, but hope that R. W. Bro. Meiklejohn will be with you at Grand Lodge and be able to give you some encouraging report of this lodge. As Morris has now become a railroad centre I look for a new era in Masonry at that point. I might mention here that King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris, Man., is reached by either R. R. V. Railway or C. P. Railway. Distance from Winnipeg 40 miles.

OAKLAND LODGE NO. 9, CARMAN.

is reached by M. S. W. Railway, 51 miles to Barnsley, thence stage to Carman, distance six miles, or 57 miles from Winnipeg. Being a member of this lodge I visit it regularly. Masonry is at present in a semi-dormant state, owing to want of railway, but we trust we will have better times in future. With a splendid country, wood and water in abundance, we are sure of a good Masonic Lodge here in the near future. It is with sincere regret that I report that W. Bro. Ross, Presbyterian minister, has dimitted, he having removed to New Westminster, B. C., but wish him every success in his new field of labour. Oakland Lodge has re-elected the W. M. and Wardens—a very wise move I think, as one year is scarcely sufficient for a W. M. to become proficient in the work.

BELMONT LODGE NO. 13, MORDEN.

is reached by C. P. R. S. W. Railway; distance from Winnipeg 81 miles. This ought to be the Banner Lodge in the district, but unfortunately the Brethren, particularly in the town, do not take the interest they ought to in their lodge. I visited this lodge early in summer, non-officially, found a fair attendance, nearly half of which left before the Lodge closed. W. Bro. Fraser is pains-

taking, and if Belmont Lodge does not succeed it will be no fault of his. I congratulate the lodge on his re-election to the East. I am very sorry I was deprived of an official visit to this lodge later in the year.

PEMBINA LODGE NO. 20, PILOT MOUND.

is reached by C. P. R. S. W. Railway; distance from Winnipeg 125 miles. I have been unable to learn anything from this lodge, owing to their not sending me notices of meetings as requested by Grand Master. I had fully intended visiting this lodge in December, but hope my successor will be more fortunate.

MANITOU LODGE NO. 30, MANITOU.

is reached by same railroad as Belmont and Pembina; distance from Winnipeg 102 miles. I paid a visit to this lodge in early summer, but owing to W. Bro. Ellis being sick there was no meeting. I again visited this lodge on November the 9th, found a comfortable lodge room well filled, there being, if I remember right, 15 members and 3 visitors present. W. Bro. Ellis conferred the first degree in a fairly creditable manner, after which Bro. Foley, S. W., gave the lecture in the first degree in a manner that would do credit to any lodge in the province. This is a part of the ceremony which is not given that attention it deserves. I found the lodge books well kept, dues well paid up, and generally speaking this lodge seems to be in a very prosperous condition, and from a later account I find Manitou Lodge held 13 meetings during the year, average attendance 13; and on St. John's night there were present 18 members and 6 visitors, with the creditable showing of not a member present in arrears for dues. The lodge books show $11.50 arrears for dues. This seems to me a most creditable showing for a country lodge. I would suggest that Manitou Lodge be more careful in future to hold meetings on regular nights, as these are the only nights that visitors have account of. It is but fair to Manitou Lodge to state they paid my expenses for both visits.

DORIC LODGE NO. 36, BOISSEVAIN.

is reached from Winnipeg by C. P. R. S. W. Railway; distance 183 miles. I have no information from this lodge, except notice of meeting on March 11, 1888. There was on that night one initiation and one affiliation.

DELORAINE LODGE NO. 40, DELORAINE.

is reached by C. P. R. S. W. Railway; distance from Winnipeg 202 miles. This lodge was constituted and officers installed by M. W. Bro. Newcomb in April, 1888. I have no information upon which to base a report, but trust it is doing well.

Finally I have had no disputes to settle; as a generous Masonic spirit seems to pervade the district. I granted leave to Belmont Lodge to remove

to their new quarters in the Oddfellow's Hall in December, 1888. I regret that Belmont No. 13, Pembina No. 20, Doric No. 36 and Deloraine No. 40, also King Solomon No. 8, failed to send me returns as requested in Grand Master's address, as it would have been of much use to me in making out a report.

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet
Or dims the radiant light.

I cannot close this report without mentioning that on 21st of December I paid a visit to my Mother Lodge, Chateaugay Lodge No. 36, G.R.Que. I spent a very profitable evening, had the pleasure of conferring two third degrees, also seeing R. W. Bro. Boyd, P.D.D.G.M. for Huntingdon District, confer one degree.

Before closing, I wish to apologise to the lodges in my district for having been unable to visit them. I certainly would have done so if I had not left home at the time I did; and I bespeak for my successor the same courtesy and Masonic spirit that has been extended to me during my term of office. I am very sorry I cannot be with Grand Lodge, but trust that your deliberations will be guided by the Great Architect of the universe, to whom we must all render an account of our conduct through life.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

STANLEY T. CARR,
D.D.G.M. Emerson District No. 4.

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

I regret that owing to the late date at which I received my appointment it was impossible for me to visit the different lodges within this district, consequently I am not in a position to make any report on the condition of Masonry except what applies to Neepawa Lodge No. 24, which I have attended quite regularly. This lodge has worked at considerable disadvantage during the greater part of the past year in consequence of having no suitable lodge room in which to meet. However this difficulty has now been removed, a convenient room having been secured, which has been comfortably fitted and furnished, so that the current year looks more encouraging, and I have no doubt good work will be done. I have to report an irregularity which occurred in this lodge at its last regular meeting in taking action on the petition of Rev. Charles Rogers Littler for initiation into the mysteries

of Masonry, he not having resided the requisite length of time within the jurisdiction of the lodge. The lodge acted on the certificate of two Past Masters belonging to the nearest lodge to the last place of residence of the applicant instead of the lodge itself. As the action was an unintentional violation of the constitution, and I learn from the brethren of Gladstone Lodge No. 11 (which was the nearest lodge to the late residence of Rev. Mr. Littler) that there is no probability any objection would have been raised to the granting of the necessary certificate if it had been asked for, I would recommend that the matter receive the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. DAVIDSON.
D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

No. 4.—Minnedosa District.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I herewith beg to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of Minnedosa District No. 4.

In former years the lodges within this district may have been able to show a somewhat larger increase of newly made members than the past, but during the past year each of the lodges has made a good showing financially, and all are now in good working order.

I also find that in this district the spirit of Masonry is being felt to a greater degree than formerly, and the brethren working together on the square in reality.

I have also the privilege of reporting for the district the increase of one new lodge, viz. Birtle Lodge No. 39.

Acting under instructions from the Grand Master, and in company with Deputy Grand Master Ovas and R. W. Bro. Leslie, I visited Birtle Lodge No. 39, constituted the lodge and installed the officers. We found the brethern as comfortably appointed and as well up in their work as an old established lodge. The books were in very good shape, and this lodge starts out with every prospect of success.

On the 11th January last I visited Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14. They were well up in their work, and are capable of setting an example to almost any lodge in the province for good work. However one would expect nothing else under the care of such an expert as their late W. M., W. Bro. Cuddy. The books are neatly and correctly kept. I am also pleased to learn that the brethren are seriously considering the advisibility of building a hall of their own, and from what I know of the brethren, have no doubt that they will carry out their present intentions.

As regards Corinthian Lodge No. 15 I may say that I have not fulfilled my duty in paying this lodge an official visit, but as I am a member of the lodge, and I think have hardly missed one meeting, I am able to report on the same. Although in the past this lodge has undergone a lot of hardships, I am pleased to report that it is now in a good financial state and in good working order, with every prospect of success.

During the past year this lodge has paid up all its past indebtedness, and has built a good comfortable hall, 24x40, with 20 foot studding, at a cost, so far, between $800 and $900, with a debt of less than $500 due upon it, and held as stock by the brethren; and I may here state that a great portion of the success of this lodge is due to the indefatigable exertions of Deputy Grand Master Ovas. The newly elected officers are proving themselves good workmen.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES ROGERSON,
D.D.G.M. Minnedosa District No. 4.

Brandon District No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

In accordance with our usual custom, I now submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district. I have visited Brandon Lodge No. 19 at various times during the year, and on the 27th of June last, installed the officers. I found everything in first-class order and under the leadership of W. Bro. P. C. Duncan, and other officers of the lodge, assisted by several well posted Past Masters, Masonry in Brandon is flourishing.

On the 27th of December last I visited Glenwood Lodge No. 27 and installed the officers. This lodge has not been as prosperous as it might during the past year, owing to the fact that the W. Master has been absent. I find, however, that they are in good shape financially and otherwise, and believe will in future progress in the good work, as they have an indefatigable Mason in the person of W. Bro. Hamilton the present Master, who is well supported by the other officers of the lodge.

I am sorry to say, owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I have been unable to visit Carberry Lodge No. 29, but deputed R. W. Bro. Peters to install the officers on the 27th December, and I am led to believe that the condition of Masonry in Carberry could not well be improved upon.

I fully expected ere this to have instituted Lebanon Lodge at Virden, but have just received notice that the date has been postponed until after the present meeting of Grand Lodge, thus depriving me of a privilege which I looked forward to with pleasure, but I feel assured my successor in office will perform that duty to the satisfaction of all concerned.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. BURNS,
D.D.G.M., Brandon District No, 5.

Saskatchewan District No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Saskatchewan District No. 6, over which I have had the pleasure of presiding for the Masonic year now drawing to a close. I regret to have to state, that owing to circumstances over which I had no control it was impossible to pay an official visit to Prince Albert, having to abandon my intended journey at the last moment.

KINISTINO LODGE NO. 16.

This lodge, I am informed by reliable authority, has done well for the past twelve months, and has a good prospect of future success under the skillful management of the present officers.

BATTLE LODGE No. 38.

This lodge, of which I am a member, is still progressing, but as good material is not plentiful our initiations have not been so numerous as the previous year. The lodge is at present under the mastership of V. W. Bro. Applegarth, whom I had the honor of installing (for the third time) last St. John's Day, and trust with the aid of his present staff of officers the lodge returns at the close of this year will show a better record. Both lodges are in good financial condition.

I remain, yours fraternally,

HENRY SIKES,
D.D.G.M., Saskatchewan District No. 6.

Alberta District No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

NORTH STAR LODGE, U. D.

Having received instructions and the necessary dispensation to institute a lodge at Lethbridge, I proceeded to that place on the 17th of April, 1888, and had the pleasure of meeting a number of well skilled brethern and instituting them into a lodge of A.F. & A.M. to be known as the "North Star Lodge." The brethern of North Star Lodge appear to be the right material to build up a successful lodge.

CASCADE LODGE U.D.

I also had the pleasure of instituting the above named lodge on the 25th day of May, 1888, at Anthracite. This lodge is to be congratulated in having secured such a fine and well fitted hall in which to meet. The brethern of Cascade lodge are fortunate in having at their head such a well skilled craftsman as Bro. Ransford. I must take this opportunity of thanking the brethern for their kindness to me generally on that occasion, and especially so for the manner in which they defrayed all my expenses.

BOW RIVER LODGE No. 28.

This lodge, I am pleased to say, still maintains its reputation as being one of the best in the craft. I had the pleasure of installing its officers on the 27th of December, 1888.

ALBERTA LODGE No. 37.

I am sorry to say that I have not been able to pay this lodge a visit during my term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES BROGDEN,
D.D.G.M., Alberta District No. 7.

No. 9.—Assiniboïa District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

As our Masonic year is drawing to a close I have the honour to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Assiniboia District No. 9. On the occasion of my official visits to lodges in this district I was impressed with the necessity of the Grand Lodge deciding upon a uniform ritual, and that some means should be adopted to enable the various subordinate lodges to arrive at that perfect uniformity of work which is desirable in our grand and noble Order. In conversation with the members of the lodges visited I observed that there was a unanimity of opinion as to the desirability of the Grand Lodge adopting a uniform ritual. There appears to be a willingness on the part of the adherents of the two rituals now in use in this jurisdiction to make concessions, and it is hoped that a solution of this question may ere long be arrived at. I find that it has become customary among lodges working the Canadian ritual to omit from the second degree the lecture on the Tracing Board. I would recommend that the Grand Lodge make it obligatory that this lecture should be given at the same time that the degree is conferred.

The following table will give in convenient form certain statistical information respecting the various lodges in my district.

Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	Members on Roll Dec. 27, 1887.	Members on Roll Dec. 27, 1888.	Degrees Conferred.			Yearly Rental of Hall.	Value of Lodge Furniture and Jewels.	For how much Insured.	Funds on Hand Dec. 27, 1888.	Amount of Dues uncollected Dec. 1888.	No. of Members in Arrears one year.
				E.A	F.C.	M.M.						
Wascana	23	49	47	2	—	7	100.00	125.00	—	125.81	102.70	39
Moose Jaw	26	30	37	8	9	8	40.00	200.00	—	85.50	31.20	7
Medicine Hat	31	20	26	3	4	8	60.00	100.00	—	9.28	160.00	10
Qu'Appelle Valley	32	16	16	2	2	3	120.00	212.00	200.00	7.89	83 00	4
Indian Head	33	27	26	2	1	7	75.00	250.00	300.00	126.40	—	—
Qu'Appelle	34	20	24	1	4	4	100.00	205.00	—	49.22	44.04	2
Moosomin	35	23	25	2	2	1	100.00	250.00	—	39	12.00	1

WASCANA LODGE NO. 23.

I visited this lodge on January 29th, 1889, and found that it had removed to a new and more convenient hall, which has been handsomely fitted up, and presents a neat and attractive appearance. The furnishings and decorations are most appropriate, and will very materially aid in exemplifying the grand truths and mystic workings of our ancient order. I found the various officers who are just new to their positions well skilled in their work, and there seems to be a desire that the new year shall show better results than any preceding it. I regret to have to report that this, the oldest lodge in the district, should have allowed its finances to fall into somewhat of a muddle during the past year. I am pleased to state, however, that the new officers are determined to restore order from the chaos which was found to be due to the negligence of past officers in performing their whole duty. At the time of my visit the financial affairs of the lodge were being put into proper shape and the arrears of dues were being paid in. Steps did not appear to have been taken to write up the historical register, and I suggested that an effort should be made to do so. On examination of the secretary's books I found that this lodge has not kept a rough minute book, using only a pad for that purpose. I directed the Worshipful Master to procure a book for the rough minutes. The minutes have not been written according to the forms prescribed in the Book of Constitution, and on inquiry I found that this lodge was not in possession of a single copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

MOOSE JAW LODGE NO. 26.

My official visit to this lodge was made on the 2nd of November, 1888. I found the officers skilled in their work and the lodge in a flourishing financial condition. This lodge deserves great praise for its substantial aid to the widow of their late Bro. Tillem. A call was made upon the various lodges in the jurisdiction for assistance for this purpose and was liberally responded to. The Secretary and Treasurer's books were well kept, though I found occasion to suggest a closer following of the form of minutes laid down in the Book of Constitution. This lodge has made the greatest material progress of any in my district.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE NO. 31.

Owing to the great distance to be travelled I have not visited this lodge, but am pleased to be able to report that it has made good growth during the past year. There appears to be a lack of energy in collecting the dues owing the lodge. In a membership of 26 there should not be 10 one year or over in arrears. I learn that the officers of the lodge are well skilled in the work and that its lodge room is neat and comfortable.

QU'APPELLE LODGE NO. 34.

I made two attempts to visit this lodge during the year. On the first

occasion I found that the Worshipful Master was absent from the District and on the next my letter asking him to call a meeting went astray and did not reach him for a month after it was written, therefore the meeting was not called. Sickness prevented me visiting the lodge at a later date. I know however from what I hear and from private visits I made in the previous year that this lodge has the largest and most suitable hall of any in the District, and that its officers have the ability to work the ritual in all its beauty and impressiveness. This is the only lodge in the District that has its furniture insured. I know that in 1887 the lodge books were well kept and the same brethern were continued in office in 1888. This lodge should have held its installation of officers in June last but owing to the absence of the Worshipful Master from the District it did not take place. A dispensation was therefore necessary to install its officers out of time. As this was unavoidable and on account of the low state of the funds of this lodge, I would recommend that the Grand Lodge remit the fee charged for this dispensation.

INDIAN HEAD LODGE NO. 33.

I visited this lodge officially on the 17th of December, 1888. My inspection of the books of this lodge resulted most satisfactorily. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness and accuracy in every respect; every detail is carefully attended to. I have also visited this lodge on other occasions and am pleased to be able to report that the officers are thoroughly skilled in their work. In July last this lodge applied for a dispensation to install the present Master, he not having served as a Warden. I recommended it and have pleasure to state that time has fully justified the granting of that dispensation. This lodge has a very comfortable and neatly furnished hall.

QU'APPELLE LODGE NO. 34.

I have attended all the meetings of this lodge during the past year. As I was its first Worshipful Master, I have always taken a deep interest in its welfare. Like all others in their early stages Qu'Appelle Lodge has had difficulties to contend with, but as time goes on they are disappearing. The membership has not increased very rapidly, but the material worked upon has been very good. The Secretary's books are very neatly and carefully written up and conform strictly with the Constitution. The new officers for this year are becoming well skilled in their work, and the members have good reason to look with gratification on the prospects of the lodge. The officers have been very careful of expense, and in furnishing have procured good articles, but only such as were really necessary while funds were low, therefore the financial standing of the lodge is sound. The hall in which it meets is commodious and comfortable and presents a bright and cheery aspect.

MOOSOMIN LODGE NO. 35

I received an invitation to attend this lodge on the festival of St. John the

Evangelist for the installation of its officers. I would have been pleased to accept the invitation, but ill health prevented me from doing so. From information received I am glad to be able to report that the work is well done in this lodge and that the secretary's books are well kept.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I regret to have to report that I found it necessary during the past year to call the attention of one of the lodges in my district to the fact that the result of a ballot for membership had been published in the press. Members of the order should be very careful how they converse about the ballot, and I trust that the warning given and this reference to it will prove a caution to all concerned.

It is my duty to report that the Grand Secretary found it necessary to notify me that Wascana, Moose Jaw, Fort Qu'Appelle and Qu'Appelle Lodges did not send in their last half yearly Grand Lodge reports in time. I immediately notified those lodges, and learn that these reports have since been sent.

It is required by the Constitution that the secretary of each lodge shall send a copy of all the notices calling meetings to the D. D. G. M. Not all the secretaries in my District have done this.

I find that few copies of the Constitution are in possession of the members of some of the lodges in this District, and that there is much ignorance of its requirements. Each lodge should provide its members with a copy; some have done this. Its provisions should be carefully studied and followed. Complaint is made that the price charged for the Constitution is too high.

Though the secretaries of our lodges are already burdened with duties, in my opinion it would be an ultimate saving of work to them if they noted in the minutes of each meeting the amount of receipts, the sums of the orders drawn on the treasurer, and the balance in the treasurer's hands. If this were done the members would always be cognizant of the financial standing of the lodge.

Only one lodge in the District has its furniture insured. The others should follow the example set by Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge.

In conclusion, I have to thank the brethren for nominating me to the high office of D. D. G. M., and trust that the Great Architect will bless our Order and make it the means of diffusing light and truth throughout the world.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES WEIDMAN,
D.D.G.M. Qu'Appelle District No. 9.

P.S.—Since sending in my report to the Grand Secretary, I have received a synopsis of the returns of Indian Head Lodge and find that their furniture and jewels are fully insured.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WINNIPEG, February 13th, 1889.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date, showing:

Balance on hand, February 8th, 1888	$1,229 42
Received from Grand Secretary	1,718 16
Total	$2,947 58
Warrants paid, Nos. 252 to 301 inclusive	2,612 88
Balance on hand at this date	334 70

DR.			CR.		
1888.			1888.		
Feb. 8.	To balance	$1,229 52	Feb. 13.	By Order No. 252	$ 81 15
Mar. 6.	" cash	41 20	13.	" " " 253	27 61
Apr. 17.	" "	104 75	13.	" " " 254	2 00
May 29.	" "	169 25	13.	" " " 255	100 00
July 4.	" "	179 25	13.	" " " 256	24 00
Aug. 11.	" "	353 15	13.	" " " 257	22 50
Oct. 23.	" "	266 76	13.	" " " 258	15 00
Jan. 15.	" "	603 80	Mar. 8.	" " " 259	3 20
			8.	" " " 260	4 75
			8.	" " " 261	5 00
			8.	" " " 262	9 71
			8.	" " " 263	206 55
			April 7.	" " " 264	8 80
			7.	" " " 265	2 50
		$2,947 58		*Forward*, - -	$512 32

DR.			CR.		
Forward -		$2,947 58	*Forward* - -		$512 32
			April 7. By Order No. 266..		6 15
			7. " " " 267..		3 00
			7. " " " 268..		12 00
			7. " " " 269..		25 00
			7. " " " 270..		17 45
			7. " " " 271..		14 50
			7. " " " 272..		150 00
			May 15. " " " 273..		100 00
			31. " " " 274..		3 00
			31. " " " 275..		15 47
			31. " " " 276..		16 00
			31. " " " 277..		22 00
			31. " " " 278.		30 00
			31. " " " 279..		348 00
			31. " " " 280..		513 00
			31. " " " 281..		2 56
			June 19. " " " 282..		2 10
			19. " " " 283..		8 50
			19. " " " 284..		101 70
			19. " " " 285..		6 25
			19. " " " 286..		6 50
			19. " " " 287..		148 74
			19. " " " 288..		35 00
			19. " " " 289..		100 00
			19. " " " 290..		75 00
			Oct. 30. " " " 291..		8 55
			30. " " " 292..		43 75
			30. " " " 293..		36 00
			30. " " " 294..		37 34
			30. " " " 295..		15 00
			Dec. 7. " " " 296..		100 00
			7. " " " 297..		5 00
			7. " " " 298..		22 50
			7. " " " 299..		50 00
			31. " " " 300..		7 50
			31. " " " 301..		13 00
			31. " Balance.....		334 70
Dec. 31. To Balance.....		$334 70			$2,947 58

Moved by R W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. Amos Rowe, and

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer's Report be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

Grand Secretary's Report.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

I beg leave to submit herewith a summarized report of the official transactions of my office for the fiscal year ending January 15th, 1889, also tables in which will be found a synopsis of the work done by the lodges in our jurisdiction to December 27th, 1888.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Proceedings of 1888 were printed and distributed within four weeks after the close of the session. The work was again done by Messrs. W. T. Walker & Co., and it does not compare favorably with that heretofore done by this reputable firm, there being many typographical errors and the general make-up inferior to the Proceedings of previous years.

CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution adopted at our last Annual Convocation with appendix containing forms, ceremonies subsequently prepared by the Committee on Constitution was printed and one copy sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction. I also wrote stating that additional copies would be supplied at fifty cents each that being the price fixed by the Board of General Purposes. I would suggest to a majority of our lodges the advisability of procuring a liberal supply of these Constitutions for the use of their members. A better knowledge of the laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge would obviate the necessity of many minor inquiries regarding the government of lodges.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

The steel plate ordered from Messrs. John A. Lowell & Co., of Boston, Mass., was completed in June last. After the final proof had been approved by the Board of General Purposes the plate was shipped to The Copp, Clark Co., of Toronto, from whom five hundred forms were ordered. Of this number two hundred and ninety-five have been completed and forwarded to the various members of subordinate lodges entitled to receive them.

PAST MASTER CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with resolution adopted at the Annual Communication held 11th February, 1886, a stone was ordered. The work of engraving was entrusted to Messrs. John A. Lowell & Co., and the contract for supplying two hundred forms to The Copp, Clark Co. Orders for forty of these certificates have been received, and all our lodges have been notified that each actual Past Master will be entitled to one on payment of the sum of one dollar.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

As soon as possible, after the close of our last Annual Communication, warrants were issued as authorized by Grand Lodge to the following new lodges viz.:

Birtle No. 39.....Birtle, Manitoba.
Deloraine No. 40.....Deloraine, Manitoba.

The first mentioned lodge was subsequently constituted by R. W. Bro. James Rogerson, D. D. G. M. and the latter by M. W. Bro. George F. Newcomb, P. G. M.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master dispensations for the formation of the following new lodges were received, viz.:

North Star.....Lethbridge, Alberta.
Cascade.....Anthracite, Alberta.

The petitions for the dispensations, the certificates of standing of the petitioners, the recommendations of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the nearest lodges, the report of the brethren appointed to institute same, the minute books, the returned dispensations, and the petitions of the brethren praying to be enrolled among the lodges of this jurisdiction, are now submitted and will no doubt receive your favorable consideration.

DELINQUENT LODGES.

Immediately after the close of our last annual communication I mailed to the secretary of Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge a copy of the resolution adopted at our last annual communication relative to arrears due by it to this Grand Lodge. I have received two letters in reply, one of which contained a postoffice money order for £10 and an explanation of the delay in forwarding returns. These letters were duly submitted to the Board of General Purposes, and in view of the explanation and profuse promises to hereafter comply with the requirements of the Constitution you will no doubt be requested to extend your leniency to this distant subordinate.

Pembina Lodge No. 20. This lodge is over one year in arrears, and notwithstanding that the members enrolled number 25 it has failed to meet during a period of twelve successive months. I am of the opinion that the charter of this lodge should be arrested until our next Annual Communication or until the present members become imbued with a proper masonic spirit and agree to bury their petty sectional jealousies.

DEFUNCT LODGE.

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17 has voluntarily surrendered its warrant and forwarded to this office its books, papers, etc. The furniture has been stored

subject to the order of this Grand Lodge by W. Bro. Donald Ross, but the promised inventory of same has not reached this office.

GRAND LODGE REGISTERS.

I am pleased to report that the compilation of the registers of the present and past members of the lodges in our jurisdiction is almost completed. All that is now required to finish what has proved to be a most laborious task are the ages and names in full of less than thirty brethren. I am under many obligations to R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for much of the information contained in these records. I desire also to express my thanks to R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas and V. W. Bro. T. A. Cuddy for information obtained with difficulty regarding the early members of Prince of Wales and Corinthian Lodges.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Commissions have been received at this office appointing the following named brethren representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :—

16th May, 1888.—R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan re-appointed for the triennial period ending 1st January, 1891.

27th November, 1888.—V. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, of Minnedosa, for the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, vice David G. Dick, removed from the jurisdiction.

30th November, 1888.—V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, of Winnipeg, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona, vice W. Bro. John Young Cain.

24th January, 1889.—R. W. Bro. Roland C. Brown, of Portage la Prairie, for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, vice R. W. Bro. James A. Griffith, removed from the jurisdiction.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I had hoped that the stringent clauses in our Constitution regarding returns of lodges would have had the desired effect, but my patience has been as severely tried with bungled returns and neglected correspondence as in previous years. The power of suspending lodges for failure in this respect is now in the hands of the District Deputy Grand Masters, but this law is likely to remain a "dead letter" until officials are found with sufficient courage to enforce it, none having yet come to the front. The Grand Secretary cannot compel compliance with the law, and if those whose duties it is to inflict the penalties of disobedience will not, its immediate repeal should follow. Only one or two examples would be necessary to bring these delinquent lodges to

their senses, and we would hear no more in this jurisdiction of returns not being received in time.

I beg to submit the following as the result of a careful examination of the returns received up to the end of the fiscal year, 15th January, 1889.

Of the lodges reporting the following were received within the time required by our Constitution and were found correct:

Prince Rupert's, No. 1	Winnipeg
Lisgar, No. 2	Selkirk
Ancient Landmark, No. 3	Winnipeg
St. John's, No. 4	Winnipeg
Hiram, No. 5	Kildonan
Emerson, No. 6	Emerson
Assiniboine, No. 7	Portage la Prairie
King Solomon, No. 8	Morris
Oakland, No. 9	Carman
Gladstone, No. 11	Gladstone
Prince of Wales, No. 14	Minnedosa
Corinthian, No. 15	Rapid City
Glenwood, No. 27	Souris
Bow River, No. 28	Calgary
Manitou, No. 30	Manitou
Medicine Hat, No. 31	Medicine Hat
Moosomin, No. 35	Moosomin
Battle, No. 38	Battleford

Too much credit cannot be given the secretaries of Glenwood Lodge No 27 (Bro. W. H. Hall) and Battle Lodge No. 38 (Bro. J. B. Parker) for the model returns sent in; both these brethern have recently entered upon their duties, and both are young Masons, the first mentioned brother having been admitted 19th October, 1888, and the latter 22nd July, 1887. These brethren have evidently followed the printed directions accompanying the blank returns, hence the task of compiling a correct report was an easy one. The secretaries of the other lodges above mentioned may be regarded as veterans in the service, consequently the fact of receiving correct reports was no surprise.

The returns of the following lodges reached the office within the prescribed time, but were found incorrect in the following particulars: Belmont No. 13 and Ionic No. 25. Errors and ommissions too numerous to give in detail. The former secretaries are blameable for the delay as the secretary of No. 13 was promoted to the office of J. W. and left his successor to compile the report, evidently considering it beneath the dignity of his new position to perform work of that nature. The present secretary of No. 25 when he

entered upon his duties found that his predecessor had failed to perform any work during his term of office; he is likely to have considerable labor to perform in the future if he succeeds in bringing order out of chaos. This is a city lodge with a membership of 64. Further comment would be superfluous.

Neepawa, No. 24.—Omits full names in nearly all cases.

Carberry, No. 29.—Omits name of one Master Mason, and names in full of two others.

Deloraine, No. 40.—Fails to report one initiation. Returns three members without particulars how membership was acquired.

The returns of the following lodges reached this office after January 15, 1889 :

Stonewall, No. 12	Stonewall
Kinistino, No. 16	Prince Albert
Al Moghreb Al Aska, No. 18	Tangier, Morocco.
Brandon, No. 19	Brandon
Pembina, No. 20	Pilot Mound
Marquette, No. 21	Portage la Prairie
Wascana, No. 23	Regina
Moose Jaw, No. 26	Moose Jaw
Qu'Appelle Valley, No. 32	Fort Qu'Appelle
Indian Head, No. 33	Indian Head
Qu'Appelle, No. 34	Qu'Appelle
Alberta, No. 36	Macleod
Birtle, No. 39	Birtle
North Star U.D.	Lethbridge
Cascade U.D.	Anthracite

The returns of Nos. 12, 19, 23, 26, 33 and 37 were sent back for correction.

Pembina, No. 20.—Returns received, but no payments have been made since December, 1886.

Northern Light, No. 10.—This is the only lodge that has failed to make returns to 27th December, 1888. I have notified the W.M., Acting Secretary and D.D.G.M. (who is a member of the lodge) of the delinquency.

On account of the late date on which many of the returns of lodges were received it is impossible to arrive at figures on which complete dependence can be placed. The following statement may be considered as indicating a moderate and steady progress, and shows that Masonry is keeping pace with the general progress of the country.

RECAPITULATION OF TABULAR STATEMENT.

Members reported 27th December, 1887		1628
Initiated		159
Passed		115
Raised		120
Joined		103
Re-instated		33
Charter members of new lodges		22
Rejected	20	
Members of Saskatchewan Lodge warrant surrendered—	35	
Dimitted	131	
Suspended, N. P. D	129	
Died	23	
Total number of members on roll 27th December, 1888		1704
Increase during 1888		105
Number of Chartered Lodges	38	
Number of Lodges U. D.	2	
Lodge reporting largest mem'ship, Ancient Landmark No. 3	175	
" smallest " King Solomon No. 8	13	

The various account books of this office, the vouchers for the orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, the various statements of receipts and detailed statement of disbursements have been submitted to the Committee on Finance for audit.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. D. Foley, and

Resolved; That the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from 5th February, 1888, to 31st January, 1889.

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert	$125 00	26.	Moosejaw	13 75
2.	Lisgar	56 50	27.	Glenwood	30 75
3.	Ancient Landmark	198 50	28.	Bow River	39 35
4.	St. John's	150 25	29.	Carberry	16 50
5.	Hiram	28 00	30.	Manitou	33 25
6.	Emerson	51 10	31.	Medicine Hat	54 25
7.	Assiniboine	43 75	32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	11 25
8.	King Solomon	3 25	33.	Indian Head	49 25
9.	Oakland	10 50	34.	Qu'Appelle	19 50
10.	Northern Light	24 00	35.	Moosomin	29 25
11.	Gladstone	30 75	36.	Doric	47 20
12.	Stonewall	12 30	37.	Alberta	17 75
13.	Belmont	47 75	38.	Battle	61 75
14.	Prince of Wales	43 75	39.	Birtle	40 20
15.	Corinthian	25 00	40.	Deloraine	63 25
16.	Kinistino	22 50	U. D.	Cascade	25 00
18.	Al Mogreb al Aksa	48 46	U. D.	North Star	35 30
19.	Brandon	29 75	U. D.	Lebanon	25 00
21.	Marquette	32 00		John A. Lowell & Co.	10 00
23.	Wascana	16 00		F. D. Stewart	.50
24.	Neepawa	25 25			
25.	Ionic	70 75			$1,718 16

Cash Statement.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, from 3rd February, 1888, to 15th January, 1889.

1889.	Dr.		1888.	Cr.	
Jan. 15	To Receipts	$1,718 16	Mar. 6	By Grand Treasurer.	$ 41 20
			April 17	" " "	104 75
			May 29	" " "	169 25
			July 4	" " "	179 25
			Aug. 11	" " "	353 15
			Oct. 23	" " "	266 76
			1889.		
			Jan. 15	" " "	603 80
		$1,718 16			$1,718 16

RECAPITULATION.

Initiations	$208 00
Dues	695 00
Master Masons' Certificates	194 00
Life Members' Certificates	2 25
Past Masters' Certificates	43 00
Life Membership Fees	15 00
Constitutions	223 00
Dispensations	45 00
Blank Books and Forms	105 50
Warrants	60 00
Arrears	77 91
Overpaid by Lodges	39 50
John A. Lowell & Co.	10 00
	$1,718 16

Detailed Statement of Disbursements.

The following accounts have been paid as per vouchers :

No. of Order.		
252.	W. T. Walker, & Co., books, stationery, printing, etc.	$81 15
253.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, telegrams, stationery, etc.	27 61
254.	The Copp, Clark Co., rent of warrant plate (six months)	2 00
255.	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, three months' salary	100 00
256.	H. B. Rose, three months' rent	24 00
257.	London Guarantee and Accident Co., premium Grand Treas' bond	22 50
258.	John McBride, services as Grand Tyler	15 00
259.	Alex. Taylor, stationery	3 20
260.	A. B. Cail, rubber stamps	4 75
261.	James Hooper, assisting Grand Secretary, session 1888	5 00
262.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, telegrams, etc	9 71
263.	W. T. Walker & Co., printing proceedings, etc	206 55
264.	W. T. Walker & Co., printing	8 85
265.	H. Newell, engrossing	2 00
266.	Geo. C. Mortimore, stationery, etc	6 15
267.	R. D. Richardson, minute books	3 00
268.	H. B. Rose, rent	12 00
269.	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, rent	25 00
270.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secy., pay list, carpenters fitting up office.	17 45
271.	A. G. Aiken, lumber, etc	14 50
	Carried forward	$590 42

No. of Order.		
	Brought forward	$590 42
272.	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, grant to library	150 00
273.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, three months' salary	100 00
274.	Robert Tindale, drayage	3 00
275.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for payment of petty acts, postage, etc.	15 47
276.	Edwin Cook & Co., two seals and presses for new lodges	16 00
277.	Scott and Leslie, three tables for reading room and Grand Secretary's office	22 00
278.	Scott & Leslie, one book-case for library	30 00
279.	W. T. Walker & Co., 1,000 copies of Constitution	348 00
280.	John A. Lowell & Co., M. M. diploma plate	513 00
281.	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, exchange on draft favor John A. Lowell & Co.	2 56
282.	Frank Wade, repairs to doors, etc., Grand Secretary's office	2 10
283.	R. D. Richardson, one dozen newspaper files for reading room	8 50
284.	The Copp, Clark Co., duty and express charges on diploma plate	101 70
285.	The Copp, Clark Co., insurance on diploma plate	6 25
286.	G. W. Girdlestone, insurance on books, library, fixtures, etc.	6 50
287.	The Copp, Clark Co., 506 M. M. diplomas and rent of warrant stone	148 74
288.	John Chambers, compiling index for Constitution and preparing certificates	35 00
289.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, three months' salary	100 00
290.	John A. Lowell & Co., P. M. diploma plate	75 00
291.	Geo. C. Mortimore, stationery, etc	8 55
292.	McIntyre Bros., blank forms, etc	43 75
293.	W. T. Walker & Co., books, stationery, forms, etc.	36 00
294.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, stationery, etc.	37 34
295.	London Guarantee and Accident Co., Grand Secretary's bond	15 00
296.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, three months' salary	100 00
297.	Geo. C. Mortimore, stationery, etc.	5 00
298.	London Guarantee and Accident Co., premium Grand Treas.' bond	22 50
299.	Western Canada Loan and Savings Co	50 00
300.	T. W. Taylor, book stamp and Stationery	7 50
301.	McIntyre Bros., printing, etc.	13 00
		$2,612 88

It was moved by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, seconded by R. W. Bro. William J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

Report of Librarian.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to submit my third annual report as your Librarian.

The following special donations have been made to the library during the past year :

From D. N. Empey, of Fort Ann, New York, fourteen volumes, bound in cloth, comprising the following :

" Painters and sculptors," by Allan Cunningham. 3 vols.
" Lives of Eminent Men." 1 vol.
" History of America," by Robertson. 1 vol.
" History of Charles V.," by Robertson. 1 vol.
" History of Greece," by Goldsmith. 1 vol.
" Modern History," by Michelet. 1 vol.
" Natural History of Selbourne." 1 vol.
" Cook's Voyage round the World." 1 vol.
" Siberian and Polar Expeditions." 1 vol.
" Ancient and Modern Egypt." 1 vol.
" The Moors of Spain." 1 vol.

From Bro. Wm. Braden of St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg, 10 volumes, comprising the following works :

" What to do," by Donstroyevsky ; " My Confession," " Childhood, Boyhood and Youth," " My Religion," " A Russian Proprietor," " The Invaders," " Sebastopol," and " Anna Karanina," by Count Lyof N. Tolstoi.

From W. Bro. H. J. Eberts, eight volumes, comprising the following :

" The Fair God," " Lady's Mile," " Rainbow Gold," " The Last of the Mohicans," " Vera Neville," " From the other side," " Mr. Potter of Texas," and " Mr. Barnes of New York."

From R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Portland, Maine, Vol. I. of the Proceedings of that Grand Lodge, being for the years 1820 to 1847 inclusive.

From the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Vermont, bound volumes of their Proceedings for 1888.

From R. W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, " History of Freemasonry in New York," volume I.

From R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary of Maryland, four volumes containing an account of the Proceedings at the Centennial Celebration of that Grand Lodge.

From Mr. J. P. Robertson, Provincial Librarian, one copy of his "Political Manual for 1877."

From Bro. T. W. Taylor, mounting three maps.

From Bro. James Hooper, two manuals.

For the foregoing contributions to our Library my acknowledgment and thanks are hereby tendered.

My thanks are also due to the following named brethren for contributions:

Bro. T. W. Sprague, of Northern Light Lodge No. 10, lumber for shelves for reading room.

Bro. James H. Ashdown, of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, letter box.

Bros. Grant and Rankin, of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, and Bros. A. G. Akin and F. Wade, of St. John's Lodge No. 4, for putting up shelves and tables in reading room and office.

V. W. Bros. Payne, H. Woods and R. Leckie, for painting shelves, tables and glass.

W. Bro. A. Schmidt, duplicate keys for reading room and office.

Of those contributing books to our Library, and I blush to write it, only Bros. H. J. Eberts, R. E. Braden and James Hooper are members of lodges in this city, all other donations being from members of other jurisdictions.

The sum of $167.00 is still in my hands to be expended in the purchase of books. This with the usual grant, which will no doubt be made at this session, will enable me to add many valuable works to the library.

I would respectfully recommend that an additional sum of $50.00 be voted toward providing for the proper care of the rooms.

THE FREE READING ROOM.

The Reading Room opened in April last has not, so far as attendance is concerned, met with the success that was anticipated, the attendance, however, has increased somewhat during the winter months. Those brethren who have sufficient time at their disposal have here an opportunity of informing themselves of all that pertains to the history and current literature of the present time.

The rooms are open daily (except Sunday), from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., and members of our own jurisdiction and visitors from abroad will here find the leading Canadian and United States daily papers, the illustrated papers and monthly magazines published in Canada, England and the United States. The expense of providing periodicals for the reading room, and for lighting and

heating the same, is borne by the several city lodges and Prince Rupert's Chapter ; not a dollar of the amount appropriated by Grand Lodge having been used for this purpose.

Our thanks are due the publishers of the following papers and periodicals for their respective publications free of charge, viz :—

" Manitoba Daily Free Press," Winnipeg.
" The Morning Call," Winnipeg.
" The Evening Sun," Winnipeg.
" The Ottawa Daily Citizen."
" The Evening Telegram," Toronto.
" The Qu'Appelle Progress."
" The Regina Leader."
" The Tribune-Review," Portage la Prairie.
" The Perth Courier."
" The Winnipeg Siftings."
" The Nor'-West Farmer."

And of the following Masonic publications :

" The Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Illinois.
" The Trestle Board," San Francisco, California.
" The Master Mason," Minneapolis, Minnesota.
" The Royal Craftsman," Plainfield, New Jersey.
" Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.
" Masonic Chronicle," New York.
" The Freemason," Sydney, New South Wales.
" The Victoria Freemason," Melbourne, Victoria.
" The South Australian Freemason," Adelaide, South Australia.
" The Masonic Home Journal," Louisville, Kentucky.

The " Canadian Craftsman " while published by Bro. Trayes was regularly received, but since change of ownership it has been discontinued. Of the above papers, the " Master Mason " of Minneapolis, Minnesota, devotes considerable space to Manitoba masonic news. I desire also to thank Bro. W. C. B. Grahame of Northern Light Lodge for copies of " Somerset County Gazette," and other English newspapers.

In conclusion, I must express my regret that owing to the exacting duties of my regular calling the Library and reading room has not made more progress during the past year, but I am confident that during the coming year material progress will be made, and that in the not distant future this Library and reading room will be a credit to our Grand Lodge and one of the ornaments of this Province.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Librarian be referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Board of General Purposes report that they have held five meetings during the year, at the first of which R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris was elected President, and R. W. Bro. Canon James D. O'Meara, Vice-President.

All the sub-committees provided for by the constitution have reported on the matters upon which they have been called to deal, and said reports having been received and adopted by your Board will come before you in their proper order.

J. W. HARRIS,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

To the Board of General Purposes.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, notes with approval the names of the brethren appointed as Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges.

Your committee requests the Committee on Jurisprudence to consider the decision relative to the Past Master's Degree and Opening and Closing in Short Form, and the Dispensation issued 15th May, 1888, to Northern Light

Lodge No. 10. It approves of the refusal to grant dispensations to wear regalia at balls and dinners.

Your committee sympathizes most deeply with the Grand Master in the heavy affliction which, in his opinion, renders his attendance at Grand Lodge impossible, and commend him and his to the Great Architect of the universe, "whose ways are past finding out, who is our refuge and strength, a very pre-"sent help in trouble, who doeth all things well."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. J. GOGGIN,
Chairman Committee on Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Ptolemy, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Lodges U. D.

Your Committee begs leave to report that they have examined the books of the following lodges U. D.

North Star Lodge.....Lethbridge
Cascade Lodge.....Anthracite

and would call the attention of the officers of said lodges to some irregularities that were noticed in the minutes.

There has been a leaf cut out of the minute book of North Star Lodge. This does not look business like, it would have been better to cross the errors out and explain the cause in red ink.

At a meeting of North Star Lodge held on January 3rd, a warden was elected to fill a vacancy. This is unconstitutional, see Constitution, page 58, section 241. Cascade Lodge also elected Master and Wardens. Your Committee are of the opinion that lodges U. D. cannot elect officers, nor can such officers be installed unless re-elected after lodge has received its warrant.

Minutes of Cascade Lodge, Jan. 21st and Dec. 13th, do not show that minutes of previous meetings have been read and confirmed. Also, in minutes of same lodge on several occasions the minutes state that the lodge was called from labor to refreshment in the third degree and called to labor in the first degree. Lodges when called to refreshment should always resume labor

in the same degree as that in which they were working when called off. Your Committee is of the opinion that secretaries should have names of candidates for admission written in full in the minutes.

Your Committee have also examined the petitions for charters and certificates of above named lodges as required by section 169 of the Constitution, and have much pleasure in recommending that North Star Lodge, Lethbridge, and Cascade Lodge, Anthracite, be granted charters.

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
Chairman Committee on Lodges U. D.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. A. H. Van Etten, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation be received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Your committee begs leave to report, that during the past year they have met at intervals and passed accounts owing by Grand Lodge to the amount of $2,612,88, as shown by the accompanying statement of the Grand Secretary. The receipts of the year amount to $1,718,16, which, with the balance of $1,229,42 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, gives a total of $2,947,58, and after deducting the expenditure as above, leaves a balance of $334,70 now on hand.

The committee have made an examination of the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, also the statements of receipts, expenditure, balance sheets, inventory of stock, etc., and believe the same to be correct. We would recommend that the same be audited by some duly appointed auditor, as we do not think that the Finance Committee should alone audit its own accounts.

Your committee is of the opinion that the balance sheets, inventory of stock on hand, etc., should be published in the Grand Lodge Proceedings each year, along with the Grand Secretary's statements of receipts and expenditure.

Your committee is of the opinion that in future stock books should be kept of all the various kinds of books, certificates, forms, etc., on hand, showing how the same are disposed of and with convenient reference to the evidence; and also, that such stock should not be given out nor dispensations of any kind

issued, unless the cash for same accompany the order, or unless given free under certain fixed regulations.

As will be seen by the statement of expenditure, the Grand Librarian has been paid the sum of $150.00 voted by Grand Lodge for the purchase of books for the library. This sum was augmented by donations from various sources. Only a portion of the moneys so received has as yet been expended, and there is a balance of $167.00 still in the hands of the Grand Librarian.

At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee it was decided that in view of the increased number of lodges in the jurisdiction, and the correspondingly increased labor in his office, together with extra work in connection with the Grand Lodge Library, we would recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased to the sum of $600.00 per annum.

We would also recommend that Grand Lodge grant at least $50.00 to the Room Committee of the Winnipeg city lodges, to cover the expense of caretaking in connection with the library and reading room, which is now being heated and lighted at the expense of the city lodges.

We are strongly of the opinion that some stringent measures should be adopted to have the returns from lodges sent in to the Grand Secretary more promptly, even though it should be necessary to make an example of some of the delinquent lodges.

It will be observed that the principal items of expenditure during the past year were those in connection with plates for certificates, which are now the property of and will in future be a source of revenue to Grand Lodge.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

W. J. PTOLEMY,
Chairman Committee on Finance.

It was moved by W. Bro. R. D. Foley, seconded by V. W. Bro. Byron Fraser, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg to report as follows :

At the first meeting held February 9th, 1888 ; M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson was elected chairman.

A communication dated February 3rd, 1888, from M. W. Bro. Anderson, P.G.M. of Florida, having been referred to us by the M. W. Grand Master, as to the right of a visiting Mason to ask for a sight of the charter of the lodge before examination. Your Committee is of the opinion "that a visiting brother has not the right to ask for a sight of the charter of the lodge before examination."

Several complaints and appeals were heard by your Committee during the year, but owing to informalities had to be referred back to the various lodges for correction, and as yet have not been returned.

Your Committee have made several changes in the Model Code of by-laws, in order to make same conform to the Constitution.

The by-laws of the following lodges have been received and approved and referred to the M. W. the Grand Master for his approval :

Prince Rupert's	No. 1
Lisgar	2
Ancient Landmark	3
St. John's	4
Hiram	5
Stonewall	12
Brandon	19
Ionic	25
Moosomin	35

Amendments to Gladstone Lodge by-laws were also approved.

In the matter of the complaint of Bro. Herbert Inman against Oakland Lodge No. 9, your Committee recommend that Oakland Lodge No. 9 be instructed to re-instate Bro. Inman and grant him a dimit.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Your Committee is unanimously of the opinion that sufficient time has not yet elapsed to give the new Constitution a fair trial; we cannot therefore recommend the adoption of amendments Nos. 7, 8 and 9.

In reference to the notices of motion for changing the time for holding the Annual Communication, your Committee is of the opinion that it is a question more materially affecting the members of Grand Lodge residing outside the city : at the same time your Committee is of the opinion that the interval between the end of the fiscal year and the time at which the Annual Communication is now held, is not sufficiently long to get the business ready for presentation to Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED PEARSON,
Chairman Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be referred back to the Board of General Purposes for further consideration.

Report of Committee on State of Masonry.

To the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Committee on the "State of Masonry" beg leave to report as follows:

Reports have been submitted for our consideration from Districts Nos. 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and from the Grand Secretary, to which we have given our careful consideration.

These reports indicate that most of the lodges, which have been visited, are in a fairly flourishing condition. Unfortunately there are some exceptions.

There does not seem to have generally been, however, that careful study of our Constitution that is desirable and necessary for the proper conducting of the affairs of a lodge. And it appears that, in some cases, lodges have even neglected to secure a supply of copies of the Constitution. It is hoped that this neglect will not long continue.

We notice that several lodges have not complied with section 188, "The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the lodge." This enactment should be universally observed, as there can be nothing more detrimental to the interests of a lodge than incorrectness or uncertainty in its accounts.

We notice, also, that many of the lodges have allowed a large proportion of members to fall in arrears for dues over one year, and in many cases even two years or more.

A strict adherence to sections 212, 215, and 217 of the Constitution should soon remedy this bad state of affairs, and District Deputy Grand Masters cannot watch too closely that lodges carry out these provisions of the Constitution.

Nearly half of the lodges in the jurisdiction failed to make their returns to the Grand Secretary in time, and some of the returns were quite inaccurate. We would call attention to sections 20, 195, 202, and subsection 7, section 262, and the attention of District Deputy Grand Masters to section 59.

Pembina Lodge No. 20 having made no payment of dues to Grand Lodge for over two years, and the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2, in which this lodge is situate, not having taken any action in the case, it is recommended that Grand Lodge at once arrest the charter of this lodge and suspend all its rights and privileges until such time as it shall have paid all arrears due to Grand Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts Nos. 3 and 5 having failed to make any report to the Grand Secretary, as required by section 64 of the Constitution, it is recommended that in accordance with the recommendation made in the report of the Board of General Purposes last year and adopted by Grand Lodge, that the District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts Nos. 3 and 5 be summoned by Grand Lodge to show cause why they should not be reprimanded for delinquency in this respect.

It is earnestly recommended that all lodges should insure their property and jewels. This has been done by a small number of our lodges only.

There is no requirement of the kind in our Constitution, therefore we would suggest to Grand Lodge the advisability of some action in the matter.

WINNIPEG DISTRICT NO. 1.

The clear and comprehensive report of the D. D. G. M., of this District shows a state of harmony and prosperity in most of the lodges.

We notice with sorrow, however, that a lack of interest among the members of two of the lodges, and internal dissentions in another, has materially, if not entirely, destroyed their present usefulness and may possibly lead to final disbandment.

In the case of Hiram Lodge No. 5, such an ending is perhaps inevitable, owing to the changed circumstances of the lodge.

Regarding Northern Light Lodge No. 10, it being in good financial standing and having among its members some of the brightest Masonic lights in the jurisdiction, and a wide field of usefulness before it, it is greatly to be deplored that a feeling of despondency and lukewarmness should prevail. We would strongly urge upon this lodge, before surrendering its charter, the advisability of making renewed efforts to regain and maintain its formerly proud position,

The unfortunate differences in Stonewall Lodge No. 12 are much to be regretted, and unless healed will inevitably destroy the usefulness of that once prosperous lodge. The D. D. G. M., is therefore urged to use every endeavor to effect a reconciliation. It is hoped that peace and harmony, so essentially necessary to the welfare of a lodge, may soon prevail among the brethren of Stonewall Lodge.

Referring to the irregularities or rather the innovations, in the matter of opening and closing lodge, practiced in Ionic Lodge No. 25, as referred to in this report, your committee is of the opinion that the form laid down in the ritual should be strictly adhered to, and that no amalgamation of the two rituals should be countenanced.

Your committee would recommend that each lodge should be enjoined to work in strict accordance with the ritual (either of the two recognized by this Grand Lodge) which it may adopt.

MINNEDOSA DISTRICT NO. 4.

The District Deputy Grand Master of this District reports that he duly constituted Birtle Lodge No. 39, and from his very favorable report of the condition and working of the lodge, no doubt remains as to the wisdom of Grand Lodge in granting its charter.

We note, with pleasure, the fact that Corinthian Lodge No. 15 has built for itself a new hall, and we congratulate its members that they are now in a comfortable home of their own, which, without doubt, will be well filled with a constantly increasing family of brethren.

We trust that Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14 may also succeed in its project of building a hall.

All the lodges in this District appear to be prospering and to be animated by a truly Masonic spirit.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT NO. 6.

The District Deputy Grand Master reports that he has visited only one lodge. On account of the difficulty of travel between the two lodges in this District, there is more excuse for the District Deputy Grand Master's neglect to visit than in some other Districts, but when a brother accepts the responsible and honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master, it is certainly to be expected that he will make every exertion to fulfil the duties pertaining thereto.

It is gratifying to note, however, that R. W. Bro. Sikes is able to report favorably of the condition of two lodges in this district, our advance guard as it were, located on the confines of civilization.

ALBERTA DISTRICT NO. 7.

This District has been enlarged by the addition of two lodges U.D., which the District Deputy Grand Master reports have been duly instituted. North Star Lodge, located at Lethbridge, and Cascade Lodge, located at Anthracite. Both lodges are reported to be composed of well skilled brethren, and to have made material progress.

It is to be regretted that R. W. Bro. Brogden was unable to visit one lodge in his District. Every lodge is entitled to an official visit at least once a year, and it is essential to the craft that such visits should be made.

As Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, from its location is more nearly connected with the lodges of this District, we would recommend that it be withdrawn from District No. 9 and added to District No. 7.

MOROCCO No. 8.

From this district we have the sad news of the death of R. W. Bro. Cohen, after a lingering illness. We desire to express our sympathy with the brethren of Al Moghreb Al Aska in the loss sustained by the death of our distinguished brother, at the same time trusting that, animated and influenced by his example, they may continue in the true principles of Masonry, and ever inculcating its noble tenets, may increase in usefulness and prosperity.

There is no detailed statement of the condition of the lodge, but as they have forwarded a considerable sum in payment of dues to Grand Lodge it is presumed that the lodge is financially in good condition.

We trust that hereafter the lodge will be punctual in sending its returns to the Grand Secretary in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution.

ASSINIBOIA DISTRICT No 9.

R. W. Bro. Weidman has made a very exhaustive report from this, one of the largest districts in the jurisdiction.

We note his suggestions relative to uniformity of ritual, but as this subject is to be brought before Grand Lodge at this Communication, it will undoubtedly be properly disposed of.

We cannot recommend too strongly the propriety, nay, the necessity, that lodges should give all the Lectures on the Tracing Board when working the degrees, as thereby are many of the most beautiful teachings of our order inculcated.

It is with astonishment we learn that any member of our order has so far forgotten his solemn obligations as to have disclosed the secrets of the lodge.

The secrecy of the ballot is so sacred amongst us that a brother is not allowed to disclose his ballot even to another brother. This is not only one of the Landmarks of the order, but it is expressly dealt with in our Constitution—sections 291 and 292.

What then is to be thought of a brother who presumes to disclose the result of the ballot to the profane, by publishing it in the Press.

We deem our R. W. Bro. remiss in his duty in not having instituted strict inquiries in this case and censured the guilty party in open lodge.

Regarding the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master, that the fee paid by Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 32 for a dispensation to install officers out of time be refunded to the lodge, and as to like requests received from Moosomin Lodge No. 35, Birtle Lodge No. 39, and Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, which lodges have paid for similar dispensations, your committee would recommend that the sum of eight dollars be placed to the credit of each of said lodges.

We also suggest that a motion to amend the Constitution by the institution of a clause in section 125 fixing the fee for such dispensations at the sum of two dollars be introduced at the earliest opportunity.

A. H. VAN ETTEN,
Chairman Committee on State of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. A. H. Van Etten, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on State of Masonry be received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the Articles of Union and other documents from the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, beg to report that the Committee hail with pleasure the healing of all differences and the amicable union of all lodges working under warrants from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and New South Wales. As the Grand Lodge in 1881 recognized the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, it cannot now do less than to recognize the United Grand Lodge. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba hereby recognise the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and extends to it a hearty and fraternal recognition.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

Notices of Motion.

V. W. Bro. D. Hope gave notice that at the afternoon session he would move that the following appropriations be made from the funds of Grand Lodge, viz. :

For services of Grand Tyler	$ 15 00
For printing proceedings of present Communication	200 00
For Library purposes	100 00

PROHIBITION.

In accordance with notice given, as required by Constitution,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, on behalf of M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and seconded by V. W. Bro. Jas. A. Payne,

That it be one of the regulations of this Grand Lodge, that lodges in this jurisdiction shall not be permitted to have intoxicating liquors in their lodge room, or in the ante rooms appertaining thereto.

In amendment it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. C. N. Bell,

That each lodge in the jurisdiction shall, if it has not such a by-law, at the first or second meeting from this date pass a by-law prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors in its lodge room and ante room.

In amendment to the amendment

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, seconded by W. Bro. A. H. Van Etten,

That the resolution just read be laid on the table to be read six months hereafter.

The amendment to the amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. Wm. F. Ellis, seconded by W. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten,

That the price of the Book of Constitution of this Grand Lodge be reduced to twenty-five cents each.

In amendment it was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Ptolemy, seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin,

That the price of the Book of Constitution of this Grand Lodge be thirty-five cents each.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. F. Ellis, and

Resolved, That the President of the Board of General Purposes and chairmen of all standing committees be required to furnish the following information at the afternoon session to-morrow:

Number of meetings held during the year 1888.

Names of members of each committee.

Number of meetings attended by each member.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place at 2 o'clock P.M. to-morrow.

Grand Lodge Called Off.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 P.M. on Wednesday, February 13th, to meet again at 10 A.M. Thursday, February 14th.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.10 A.M.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. James Alex. Ovas, Acting Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

Amendments to Constitution.

In accordance with notice given as required by the Constitution,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, and resolved

That Section 13 of the Constitution be amended, by adding at the commencement thereof, before the word "the," the words "after 1889," and by striking out the word "February" in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "June."

That Section 84 of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the word "February" in the second line, and substituting therefor the word "June," and by adding the words "after 1889" after the word "year," in the second line.

That Section 104 of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the word "February" in the second line, and substituting therefor the word "June," and by adding the words "after 1889" after the word "year," in the second line.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell, seconded by R. W. Bro. Richard W. A. Rolph, and

Resolved, That section 218 of the Constitution be expugned.

V. W. Bro. Hurssell amended the motion, of which he had previously given notice, to read as follows :

That section 212 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto after the word "communication," in the sixth line, the words, "within six months thereafter."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

V. W. Bro. Hurssell stated that he did not desire to offer the

following motion, of which he had given notice, as it would conflict with other portions of the Constitution :

That section 212 of the Constitution be amended as follows : After the word "year" in the third line add the words "or such longer time as may be specified in the by-laws."

Notices of Motions.

R. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson gave notice that at the afternoon session he would submit the following resolution :

That the Warrant of Brandon Lodge No. 19 having been destroyed by fire, a New Warrant be granted to said lodge, and that the fee for same be remitted.

R. W. Bro. Jas. Weidman gave notice that at the afternoon session he would submit the following resolution :

That, whereas this Grand Lodge having fixed the price of the Constitution at thirty-five cents, that the sum of fifteen cents per copy be refunded to those subordinate lodges that have already purchased Constitutions at fifty cents each.

V. W. Bro. Jos. Hurssell gave notice that at the afternoon session he would submit the following resolution :

That five hundred copies of the Ancient Charges of a Freemason be procured by this Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof furnished with each copy of Constitution to enable Worshipful Masters of subordinate lodges to comply with section 177 of the Constitution.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. James Alex. Ovas, Acting Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

Credentials of Grand Representatives.

The following Credentials of Representatives of sister Grand Lodges were presented and accepted by the Grand Lodge, and the Representatives saluted with the customary Grand Honors, viz :

V. W. Bro. Jas. Andrew Payne, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona.
" " " Alexander James Belch, for the Grand Lodge of Delaware.
" " " Thomas Alfred Cuddy, for the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Distinguished Visitor.

It being announced that Rev. Bro. L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was in waiting and desirous of visiting this Grand Lodge, the R. W. Acting Grand Master appointed W. Bro. A. H. Van Etten to introduce the distinguished Brother. He was accordingly introduced, received with the Grand Honors of Masonry, welcomed by the R. W. Acting Grand Master in fitting terms, and invited to a seat in the Grand East.

After the introduction of Bro. Boynton and address of welcome by the R. W. Acting Grand Master, the distinguished visitor acknowledged the compliment paid him in eloquent terms.

Communications.

The Grand Secretary read letters from M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Newcombe, P.G.M., and M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, P.G.M, stating that they would be unable to attend this session of Grand Lodge, the former having been overtaken by illness while on his way to Winnipeg and the latter being in attendance at the bedside of his wife, who was lying at the point of death.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, on behalf of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following supplemental report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of lodges begs to report that at the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, there are forty lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, twenty-five being represented by their duly qualified officers, nine by proxies, and six are unrepresented.

The total number of votes entitled to be cast at this annual communication is 159.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. C. COPELAND,
D. HOPE,
JAS. A. PAYNE,
Committee.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Jas. A. Payne, seconded by R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, and

Resolved, That the Supplemental Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of Lodges be received and adopted.

New Warrant.

In accordance with notice given at the morning session, it was moved by R.W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by V.W. Bro. Jas. A. Payne, and

Resolved, That the warrant of Brandon Lodge No. 19 having been destroyed by fire a new warrant be granted to said lodge, and that the fee for same be remitted.

Election of Officers.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the R. W. Acting Grand Master appointed the following brethren scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz : W. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten, R. W. Bro. John Leslie and R. W. Bro. Richard W. A. Rolph.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected as office bearers for the ensuing term, viz :

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, Winnipeg, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. William George Bell, Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Lewis Morton, Gladstone, Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Thomas McPherson, Lethbridge, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne, Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Rev. Arthur William Goulding, Stonewall, Grand Chaplain.
And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler.

of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz :

W. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten, Winnipeg—No. 1 or Winnipeg District.

W. Bro. William Francis Ellis, Manitou—No. 2 or Emerson District.

R. W. Bro. John Andrew Davidson, Neepawa—No. 3 or Portage la Prairie District.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, Minnedosa—No. 4 or Minnedosa District.

V. W. Bro. Michael Collins, Carberry, No. 5 or Brandon District.

V. W. Bro. Thomas James Agnew, Prince Albert—No. 6 or Saskatchewan District.

W. Bro. Amos Rowe, Calgary, No. 7 or Alberta District.

W. Bro. Manuel John Novella, Tangier—No. 8 or Morocco District.

W. Bro. John Hewgill, Moosomin—No. 9 or Assiniboia District.

Board of General Purposes.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes, viz :

V. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson.
R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland.
R. W. Bro. William John Ptolemy.
V. W. Bro. John Leslie.
W. Bro. Joseph Cornell.
V. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne.
W. Bro. Charles Napier Bell.
W. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe.

R. W. Bro. John William Henry Wilson, to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Alexander James Belch, to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Bro. Rev. William George Bell, elected Deputy Grand Master.

Vote of Thanks.

It was moved by W. Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Goulding, seconded by V. W. Bro. James A. Payne, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Money Grants.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, seconded by W. Bro. James A. Payne, and

Resolved, That appropriations be made from the funds of Grand Lodge for the following purposes, viz :

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 15 00
Printing Proceedings of Fourteenth Annual Communication.	200 00
Grant to Grand Lodge Library	100 00
Caretaking Reading Room and Library	50 00

Next Annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James A Ovas, seconded by V. W. Bro. John Coldwell

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. Henry J. Woodside, seconded by R.W. Bro. James Rogerson

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by W. Bro. Amos Rowe, seconded by W. Bro. Thomas McPherson,

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the Town of Calgary.

The amendment to the amendment and the amendment were severally put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

Resolutions Regarding Ritual.

In accordance with notice given as required by the Constitution,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, and seconded by R. W. Bro. David J. Goggin,

That the established mode of working in the jurisdiction of the Grand

Lodge of Manitoba, and in the lodges in and under the same is and shall be the Canada work, or work as done under the Grand Lodge of Canada, provided, however, that chartered lodges in the jurisdiction now working in or under the Ancient York (or American), may so continue during the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

In amendment it was moved by R. W. Bro. Alexander J. Belch, seconded by W. Bro. Amos Rowe, that

Whereas, at the Fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, on the 11th February, 1880, M. W. Bro. S. P. Matheson, Grand Master, used the following language :—"Brethren, much as I should like to see uniformity of ritual in our jurisdiction, I am afraid that circumstances with us make it a well-nigh impossible attainment. I might understand the possibility of uniformity in an old country with a settled population, but with us it is totally different. In this new country of ours we have immigrants hailing from almost every country under the sun. Brethren come to us from everywhere, all having strong predilections in favor of some particular ritual to which they have been accustomed. I would strongly deprecate, therefore, any change in the regulation on ritual as amended by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. Let the two rituals be permissive in the jurisdiction, and let the different lodges have the option of choice. I can apprehend no inconvenience from the existence of such a system ; on the contrary we shall always then have it in our power to offer to our brethren from other lands, who may cast in their lot amongst us, the choice of a ritual congenial to their tastes, and one in which they will be conversant," and

Whereas, the Board of General Purposes on the same occasion in commending the Grand Master's Address, used the following language :—"The Board while admitting the advisibility that exists in most Grand Lodges for having only one ritual, yet cordially agree with the M. W. Grand Master that for this Grand Lodge it is inexpedient that the two rituals practiced in this Province and known as the Canadian Work, and the Ancient York Rite, be interfered with in any particular. This being a new country, and brethren coming in both from Canada and the United States, it is most desirable that they be enabled to visit where they will find familiar work and are at once placed on a home footing. Your Board, however, while strongly approving, for the reasons stated, of the system now in vogue, would recommend that no other ritual, *now, or at any future time*, be permitted to be introduced into the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge *on any pretence* whatever," therefore, be it

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to Ritual be considered this day six months.

The amendment having been put to Grand Lodge was declared carried.

Grand Lodge Called off.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6:30 P. M., to meet again at 7:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Acting Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

Installation of Officers.

M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson, assisted by R. W. Bro. John W. Harris and R.W. Bro. John Leslie, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

Appointed Officers.

The M. W. Grand Master notified the Grand Lodge of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, when the brethren named were duly installed and invested as follows:

V. W. Bro. George Edward Applegarth, Battleford....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat.....Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " Duncan John Campbell, Fort McLeod .....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " " William Austin Jowett, Winnipeg.....Grand Organist.
" " " Robert White Woodroofe, Winnipeg.....Grand Pursuivant.
" " " James Geo. Dagg, Selkirk.....Grand Steward.
" " " Richard Dennis Foley, Manitou..... " "
" " " Thomas Henry Kellett, Deloraine..... " "
" " " David McIntosh, Indian Head ..... " "

Motions Called For.

In accordance with notices of motion given during the morning session,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Weidman, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Rogerson, and resolved, that

As this Grand Lodge has fixed the price of the Constitution at thirty-five cents each, that the sum of fifteen cents per copy be refunded to those subordinate lodges which have already purchased copies thereof at fifty cents each.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell, seconded by R. W. Bro. Richard W. A. Rolph, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure five hundred copies of the Ancient Charges of a Freemason, one copy to be furnished with each book of Constitution, and one copy sent to each member of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro James A. Payne, and

Resolved, That the Warrant of Brandon Lodge No. 19, having been destroyed by fire, a new Warrant be issued to said lodge, and that the fee therefor be remitted.

Past Master's Degree.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell,

That it be one of the regulations of the Grand Lodge that the conferring of the Past Master's Degree upon the Master-elect, heretofore considered by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as part of the installation ceremonies, be and is hereby abolished.

In amendment it was moved by M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas,

That the matter of the abolition of the conferring of the degree of Past Master on Masters elect be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to be carefully considered by that body and to be reported upon at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The amendment having been put to Grand Lodge was declared carried.

Complaints.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Richard D. Foley, seconded by Bro. W. E. Thompson, and

Resolved, That the complaint of Bro. Joseph H. Stuart, of Deloraine Lodge No. 40, be referred to the Board of General Purposes, and said Board is hereby authorized to take final action in the case without reporting to Grand Lodge at this session.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten, seconded by R. W. Bro John W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That as the case of Inman vs. Oakland Lodge No. 9, has been referred to the Board of General purposes for further consideration, the said Board of General Purposes is hereby authorised to take final action in the case.

Amendments to Constitution to be Printed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Richard W. A. Rolph, seconded by V. W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell, and

Resolved, That a sufficient number of all additions, alterations and amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge shall, when printed, be sent to each subordinate lodge free of charge for distribution amongst the members.

Arrest of Charter.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten, seconded by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the charter of Pembina Lodge No. 20 be arrested for the period of one year, or until arrangements satisfactory to the Board of General Purposes shall be made.

Proceedings to be Printed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, seconded by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to have printed one thousand copies of the Proceedings of the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, seconded by M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson, and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge regrets the absence of M. W. Bro. Thomas Clark from this Communication and the cause therefor, and tender to our bereaved brother our heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of grief.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Amos Rowe, and

Resolved, That the members of Grand Lodge regret the absence of M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson from this Communication and the cause therefor, and tender to their M. W. Brother their warmest sympathy in his affliction .

Thanks to Winnipeg Lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. William G. Scott, seconded by V. W. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley, and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, for the use of its regalia at the present session of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Arthur W. Goulding, seconded by W. Bro. Wm. T. Vincent, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the various lodges of the City of Winnipeg for their kindness in placing their hall at the disposal of Grand Lodge for holding its sessions.

Thanks to Railway Companies and Hotels.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson, seconded by W. Bro. Wm. T. Vincent, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Canadian Pacific, Manitoba and Northwestern, and the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Companies for the courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the proprietors of the various hotels of the City of Winnipeg who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Communication.

Grand Lodge Closed.

The business of Grand Lodge having been ended, it was closed at 11 P.M. in ample form.

JAS. DALLAS O'MEARA,
Grand Master.

Wm. J. Scott,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDICES.

Synopsis of Returns of

No.	Name of Lodge.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	*Prince Rupert	Third Tuesday in each month
2	*Lisgar	First Tuesday in each month
3	*Ancient Landmark	Second Monday in each month
4	St. John's	First Wednesday in each month
5	Hiram	Friday on or before full moon
6	Emerson	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Wednesday on or before full moon
8	King Solomon	First Tuesday in each month
9	Oakland	Tuesday on or before full moon
10	†Northern Light	Last Wednesday in each month
11	Gladstone	Tuesday on or before full month
12	Stonewall	Tuesday on or before full moon
13	Belmont	Thursday on or before full moon
14	Prince of Wales	Friday on or before full mooon
15	Corinthian	First Tuesday in each month
16	Kinistino	Thursday on or before full moon
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Thursday after full moon
19	Brandon	Second Tuesday in each month
20	Pembina	Wednesday on or before full moon
21	Marquette	Second Thursday in each month
23	Wascana	First Tuesday in each month
24	Neepawa	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	First Friday in each month
26	Moose Jaw	Second Tuesday in each month
27	Glenwood	Friday on or before full moon
28	Bow River	Monday on or before full moon
29	Carberry	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Friday on or before full moon
31	Medicine Hat	First Tuesday in each month
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Tuesday on or after full moon
33	Indian Head	First Monday in each month
34	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before full moon
35	Moosomin	Wednesday on or after full moon
36	Doric	Tuesday on or before full moon
37	Alberta	First Tuesday in each month
38	Battle	First Thursday in each month
39	Birtle	First Tuesday in each month
40	Deloraine	Wednesday on or before full moon
U.D.	North Star	Second Monday in each month
U.D.	Cascade	Thursday on or before full moon

* The three lodges that constituted Grand Lodge in 1875.

Lodges—December, 1887.

INITIATED.			Passed.	RAISED.			Joined.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Rejected.	Suspended N.P.D.	Died.	No. of Members Dec. 27, 1887.	E.A.s & F.C.s added 24 June, 1888.	No. of Members Dec. 27, 1888.
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73	86	159	115	66	54	120	103	33	131	20	129	23	1599	100	1707

† No returns.

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND LODGES.

No.	Names of Lodges.	Post Office.	County.	W. Master.	Secretary.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	R. W. Woodroofe	Thomas W. Leslie
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	James G. Dagg	John R. Steep
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Benjamin Smeed	John Chambers
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Arthur Stewart	J. T. Black
5	Hiram	Kildonan	Selkirk	James A. Bell	N. Matheson
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	W. J. Whitley	J. W. Macdonald
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Richard Taylor	Hugh A. Ritchie
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Robert John Bell	M. Lawrie
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Frank D. Stewart	Wm. J. Hemenway
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	George Black	Wm. J. Akin
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Gregor S. McGregor	John Mason
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar	John McOuat	A. G. McKenzie
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin	Byron Frazer	W. Ross Bruce
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	John F. Boyd	G. W. R. Almon
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Alfred Carss	S. S. Watson
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert, Saskatchewan		Hugh U. Bain	George S. Davison
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco, Africa		R. Alvarez de Arcos	Abraham S. Eleazar
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Peter C. Duncan	E. B. Smith
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound	Rock Lake	William McDonald	Wm. Cranston

21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie.	Charles Dollar Bell.	Roland C. Brown
23	Wascana	Regina, Assiniboia		Geo. Edward Weeks.	Alex. Shepphard
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	J. J. McFadden	John J. Ewer
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	James J. White	John D. Clark
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia		James Brass	S. N. Green
27	Glenwood	Souris	Norfolk	William A. Hamilton	William H. Hall
28	Bow River	Calgary, Alberta		N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	James R. Turnbull
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	James Dickson	Joseph Thompson
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Richard D. Foley	William F. Ellis
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat, Assiniboia		Silas B. Yuill	William T. Finlay
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia		William Sutherland.	Fred'k S. Proctor
33	Indian Head	Indian Head, Assiniboia		David McIntosh	Daniel Maclean
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia		G. B. Murphy	J. B. Robinson
35	Moosomin	Moosomin, Assiniboia		John McGuire	John Hewgill
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	John Highman	Charles W. Plummer
37	Alberta	Fort McLeod, McLeod		Duncan J. Campbell.	William Black
38	Battle	Battleford, Saskatchewan		Geo. E. Applegarth.	Joseph B. Parker
39	Birtle	Birtle	Shoal Lake	John Crerar	Robt. A. M. Clifford
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Turtle Mountain	Thomas H. Kellett.	
41	North Star	Lethbridge, Alberta		Thomas McPherson.	Alexander Moffatt
42	Cascade	Anthracite, Alberta		Hascall Ransford	

List of Lodges by Districts.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Albert Harrison Van Etten, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1.—Prince Rupert's ..... Winnipeg
" 2.—Lisgar ..... Selkirk
" 3.—Ancient Landmark ..... Winnipeg
" 4.—St. John's ..... Winnipeg
" 5.—Hiram ..... Kildonan
" 6.—Emerson ..... Emerson
" 10.—Northern Light ..... Winnipeg
" 12.—Stonewall ..... Stonewall
" 25.—Ionic ..... Winnipeg

No. 2.—Emerson District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. William Francis Ellis, *Manitou.*

No. 8.—King Solomon ..... Morris
" 9.—Oakland ..... Carman
" 13.—Belmont ..... Nelson
" 20.—Pembina ..... Pilot Mound
" 30.—Manitou ..... Manitou
" 36.—Doric ..... Boissevain
" 40.—Deloraine ..... Deloraine

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John Andrew Davidson, *Neepawa.*

No. 7.—Assiniboine ..... Portage la Prairie
" 11.—Gladstone ..... Gladstone
" 21.—Marquette ..... Portage la Prairie
" 24.—Neepawa ..... Neepawa

No. 4.—Minnedosa District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thomas Alfred Cuddy, *Minnedosa.*

No. 14.—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa
" 15.—Corinthian ..... Rapid City
" 39.—Birtle ..... Birtle

No. 5.—Brandon District.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Michael Collins, *Carberry.*

No. 19.—Brandon ..... Brandon
" 27.—Glenwood ..... Souris
" 29.—Carberry ..... Carberry

No. 6.—SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. BRO. THOMAS JAMES AGNEW, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16.—Kinistino.....Prince Albert
" 38.—Battle.....Battleford

No. 7.—ALBERTA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. BRO. AMOS ROWE, *Calgary.*

No. 28.—Bow River.....Calgary
" 31.—Medicine Hat.....Medicine Hat
" 37.—Alberta.....Fort McLeod
" 41.—North Star.....Lethbridge
" 42,—Cascade.....Anthracite

No. 8.—MOROCCO DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M,—R. W. BRO. MANUEL JOHN NOVELLA. *Tangier.*

No. 18.—Al Moghreb Al Aksa.....Tangier

No. 9.—ASSINIBOIA DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. BRO. JOHN HEWGILL, *Moosomin.*

No. 23.—Wascana.....Regina
" 26.—Moose Jaw.....Moose Jaw
" 32.—Qu'Appelle Valley.....Fort Qu'Appelle
" 33.—Indian Head.....Indian Head
" 34.—Qu'Appelle.....Qu'Appelle
" 35.—Moosomin.....Moosomin

RECAPITULATION.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District..... 9
" 2.—Emerson District..... 7
" 3.—Portage la Prairie District..... 4
" 4.—Minnedosa District..... 3
" 5.—Brandon District..... 3
" 6.—Saskatchewan District..... 2
" 7.—Alberta District..... 5
" 8.—Morocco District..... 1
" 9.—Assiniboia District..... 6

Total.....40

DEATHS 22—15 LODGES.

"Slowly creep the funerals
As none shall hear the noise and say,
The living, the living must go away,
To multiply the dead."

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Robert Edwin Suter	July 8th, 1888.....	Prince Rupert.....	1
Angus Arbuckle	October 4th, 1888....	" "	1
Thomas Sinclair.....	March 8th, 1888.....	Lisgar	2
William Henning	March 29th, 1888....	"	2
William Edward Dickson	July 5th, 1888.....	"	2
Wright Battye.....	October 9th, 1888....	"	2
James Webb Dobier.....	May 4th, 1888.....	Ancient Landmark.	3
Thos. Hammond Brazier.	September 18th, 1888.	" "	3
George Nevers Risteen...	October 27th, 1888...	St. John's.....	4
Thomas White.....	April 17th, 1888.....	Hiram.....	5
John Ross.....	June 7th, 1888	"	5
Lemuel Thomas Owen....	July 13th, 1888.....	Emerson.....	6
Alexander Geo. Cadenhead	1888	King Solomon.....	8
Thomas Renwick.....	November 7th, 1888..	Northern Light....	10
James Alex. Best.....	March 20th, 1888 ...	Gladstone.....	11
James Graham.....	December 16th, 1888.	Stonewall.....	12
*Sanford A. Cornell....	January 28th, 1888 ..	Corinthian.....	15
George A. Miller.....	November 18th, 1888.	Kinistino	16
Levy Abraham Cohen ...	November 8th, 1888..	Al-Moghreb Al Aksa	18
John Tillen.....	February 1st, 1888...	Moose Jaw..... ..	26
Henry John Edwards....	July 10th, 1888.....	Qu'Appelle	34
Edwin Wynne Hughes...	August 28th, 1888 ...	"	34

*Also a member of Doric Lodge No. 36.

In Memory of

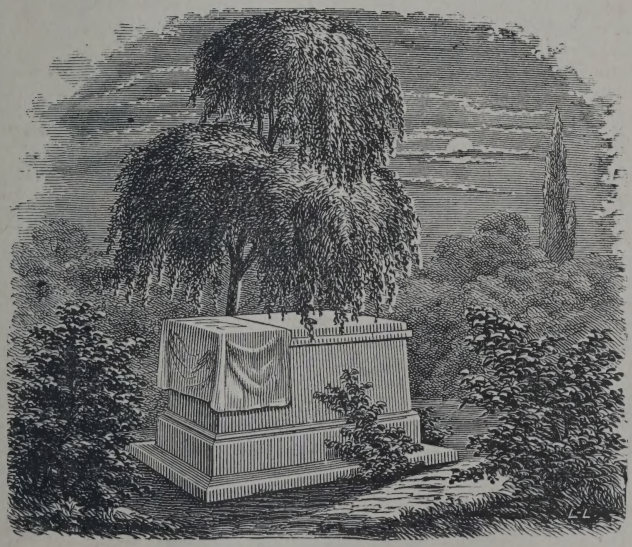
R. W. BRO. LEVI ABRAHAM COHEN

District Deputy Grand Master.

DISTRICT OF MOROCCO,

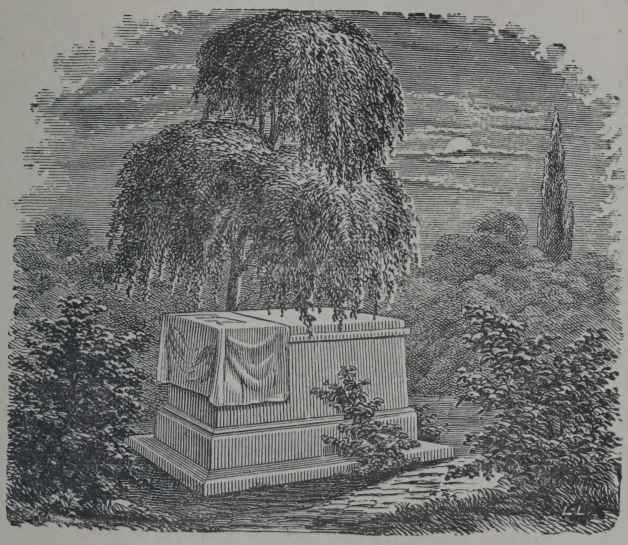
Past Master, Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18.

DIED NOV. 8, 1888. AGED 44 YEARS.



"BESIDE THE STILL WATERS OF EVERLASTING LIFE."

"Immortality o'ersweeps
All pains, all tears, all time, all fears ; and peals
Like the eternal thunders of the deep,
Into our ears this truth : We live forever."



"HONORED WHILE LIVING, REMEMBERED NOW DEPARTED."

In Memoriam.

ROBERT MORRIS,

Past Grand Master of Kentucky and Poet Laureate of Free Masonry. Born near Boston, Massachusetts, August 31st, 1818, died at La Grange, Kentucky, July 31st, 1888.

JOHN W. SIMONS,

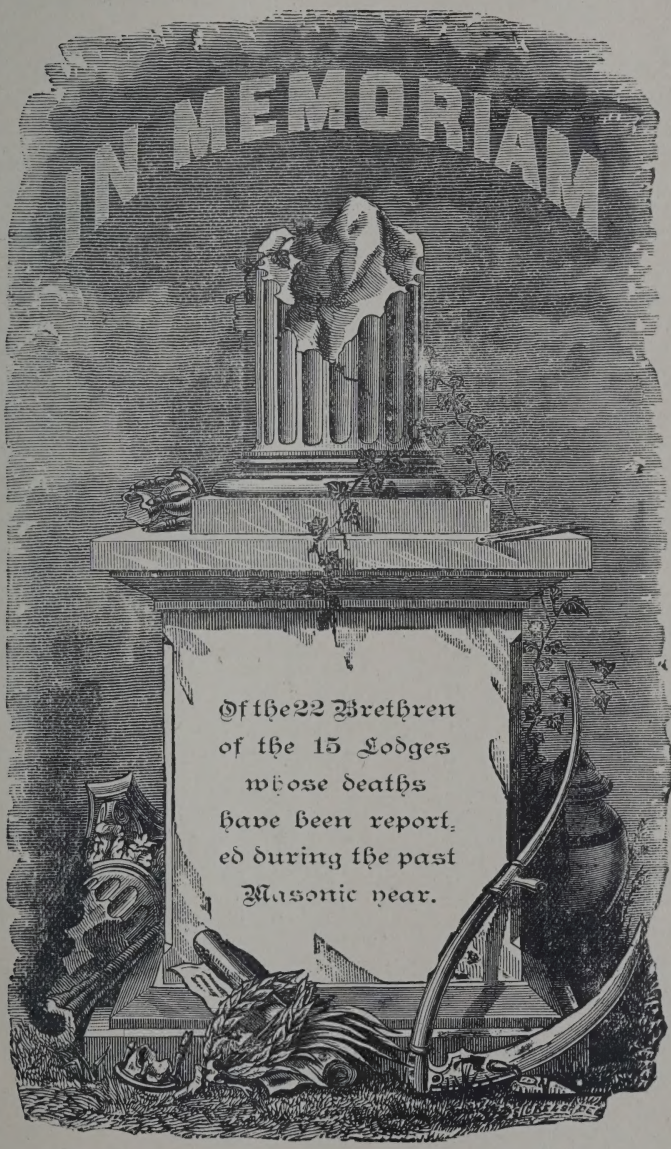
Past Grand Master, New York, and for thirty years Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Born in New York, October 28th, 1821; died in Central Valley, New York, October 22nd, 1888.

DANIEL SAYRE,

Grand Secretary of Alabama from 1857 to 1888. Born in Ohio, July 13th, 1808; died in Montgomery, Alabama, April 7th, 1888.

"The old, old Friends—
Where are they? Three are lying in the grave."

"Though one by one the friends we fondly cherish
Withdraw from ours the cold and trembling hand,
And leave us sorrowful, they do not perish—
They yet shall greet us in a fairer land."


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 22 Brethren of the 15 Lodges whose deaths have been reported during the past Masonic year.

"And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life: There is no dead."

Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Alexander Gemmel	March 20, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
James Wm. Johnson	March 20, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
Wm. Glover Shera	March 20, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
John Thomas Wilkinson	March 20, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
Harry Gosling	March 20, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
Walter Laurens	April 17, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
James G. Entwhistle	April 17, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
Wm. Duncan Scott	May 15, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
John Young Cain	September 18, 1888	Prince Rupert	1
Theodore Arthur Burrows.	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
George Arthur Eubar	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
James Stephen Connacher.	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Joseph Clouston	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Richard Dickson	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Alfred James Flett	Juue 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Thomas Anthony Gadbois	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Edward H. G. G. Hay	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Albeit Hodgson	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Peter McColman	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
James Monkman	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
George Patterson	Jnne 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Samuel Steele	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
James Taylor	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Alfred Von Lindenburg	June 5, 1888	Lisgar	2
Walter Edward Belcher	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Joseph Eugene Crews	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
John Patrick Carbery	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Henry Joseph Clark	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
William Dawson	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Robert Sim Gray	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
William Harvey	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Willett James Hinman	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Henry Houlding	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
William Paterson Johnston	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
John Jones	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Samuel Russell Kerr	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Thomas Ambrose Kirkland	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Walter Keen	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Charles McDonald Murray	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
William McKay	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
James Paterson	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
John Walker Paterson	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Gordon Rolph	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
James Sage	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Charles Augustus Schofield	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Charles Wesley Turnbull	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
John Williams	October 8, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
David Ede	August 1, 1888	St. John's	4
William McGowan Osborne	August 1, 1888	St. John's	4

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.—Continued.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Henry Fogy	June 6, 1888	St. John's	4
Thomas Bell	June 6, 1888	St. John's	4
Charles David Anderson	June 6, 1888	St. John's	4
William Thomas Tidy	October 3, 1888	St. John's	4
Thomas English	November 7, 1888	St. John's	4
Peter R. Lamb	November 7, 1888	St. John's	4
James McGeer	November 7, 1888	St. John's	4
Angus Robert McKenzie	November 7, 1888	St. John's	4
John Lamont	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
George William Baker	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
Daniel John Clemes	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
Elijah Faxton Bucknam	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
Joseph Francis Tennant	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
Enoch Winkler	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
William Williams	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
Geo. F. Rykert Harris	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
Joseph Scott Hewson	April 26, 1888	Emerson	6
Robert John Bird	June 21, 1888	Emerson	6
Edward Gregory Simcox	June 21, 1888	Emerson	6
Michael Blake	August 15, 1888	Assiniboine	7
William Ross Black	August 15, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Walter Edward Belcher	August 15, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Henry Aherne Higginson	August 15, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Francis Wesley Lipsett	August 15, 1888	Assiniboine	7
John McKellar	August 15, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Thomas Gordon Ferris	August 15, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Abraham Code	May 22, 1888	Oakland	9
Herbert Inman	May 22, 1888	Oakland	9
F. Evariste Reno	May 22, 1888	Oakland	9
William Chandler	April 24, 1888	Gladstone	11
Christopher Fahrni	April 24, 1888	Gladstone	11
Peter Ferguson	April 24, 1888	Gladstone	11
Donald Morrison	April 24, 1888	Gladstone	11
John McLaren	April 24, 1888	Gladstone	11
Neilson H. Neilson	May 22, 1888	Stonewall	12
Geo. Edward Beasley	November 24, 1887	Belmont	13
Solomon Johns	June 21, 1888	Belmont	13
Andrew Laughlin	June 21, 1888	Belmont	13
Charles Frederick Peiper	June 21, 1888	Belmont	13
James Stirton	June 21, 1888	Belmont	13
Thomas L. Gray	June 22, 1888	Prince of Wales	14
James McIntosh	June 22, 1888	Prince of Wales	14
Adam M. Ramsay	June 22, 1888	Prince of Wales	14
John McColl Wallis	June 22, 1888	Prince of Wales	14
William Anderson	December 4, 1888	Corinthian	15
James Borland	December 4, 1888	Corinthian	15
Albert Larriwell	December 4, 1888	Corinthian	15
John McVicar	December 4, 1888	Corinthian	15
William Reid	December 4, 1888	Corinthian	15
William Scott	December 4, 1888	Corinthian	15

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.—Continued.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Judah Foinquinos	July 30, 1880	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	18
Juan Monitoro	September 20, 1888	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	18
William Franklin Eddy	March 6, 1888	Wascana	23
Thomas Cook Johnstone	March 6, 1888	Wascana	23
John Secord	March 6, 1888	Wascana	23
William David Firstbrook	March 6, 1888	Wascana	23
Frederick Kelloch Gibson	March 6, 1888	Wascana	23
Arthur G. M. Spragge	March 6, 1888	Wascana	23
David Arthur Johnson	April 3, 1888	Wascana	23
David M. Stewart	April 3, 1888	Wascana	23
Arthur Ross McGinnis	April 3, 1888	Wascana	23
James Henry Benson	June 5, 1888	Wascana	23
Henry Campbell Booth	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
John Douglas Burt	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
Frederick Thomas Bulmer	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
James Cochrane	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
John Isaac Hall	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
Mack Howes	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
John Campbell McLagan	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
Samuel F. B. Reid	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
Thomas Rookes	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
Thomas Henry Smith	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
Robert C. Wylie	May 4, 1888	Ionic	25
George Riley Johnson	January 27, 1888	Glenwood	27
Hugh Donald Ferguson	July 20, 1888	Manitou	30
Robert Johnston	July 20, 1888	Manitou	30
Frank George Simpson	July 20, 1888	Manitou	30
John Weidmer Rolph	March 1, 1888	Battle	38

Reinstated after Suspension for Un-Masonic Conduct.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Archibald McNee	Jan... 4, 1888	St. John's	4

Restored after Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Robert Green	Feb. 9, 1888	Prince Ruperts	1
Edgin Adams Blakely	March 7, 1888	Prince Ruperts	1
William Drever	March 20, 1888	Prince Ruperts	1
William Crawford	March 21, 1888	Prince Ruperts	1
Thomas Watts	June 19, 1888	Prince Ruperts	1
George Patterson	October 1, 1888	Lisgar	2
Theordore Arthur Burrows	October 6, 1888	Lisgar	2
Samuel Steele	Nov. 23, 1888	Lisgar	2
Edward H. G. G. Hay	Dec. 1, 1888	Lisgar	2
Alfred Von Lindenburg	Dec. 15, 1888	Lisgar	2
Thomas H. Smith	Jan. 9, 1888	Anclent Landmark	3
Thomas Nixon	Feb. 13, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Charles James Crawley	April. 9, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
Willett James Hinman	Nov. 12, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
John Jones	Nov. 12, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
William Paterson Johnston	Dec. 3, 1888	Anciens Landmark	3
John William.s	Dec. 10, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
William McKay	Dec. 26, 1888	Ancient Landmark	3
William McGowan Osborne	Nov. 7, 1888	St. John's	4
Peter R. Lamb	Nov. 9, 1888	St. John's	4
William Williams	June. 21, 1888	Emerson	6
Michael Blake	Dec. 12, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Thomas Gordon Ferris	Dec. 12, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Henry Aherne Higginson	Dec. 12, 1888	Assiniboine	7
Edward Wm. Thompson	Dec. 10, 1888	Northern Light	10
Christopher Fahrni	May. 22, 1888	Gladstone	11
Donald Gunn	October 16, 1888	Stonewall	12
Joseph Rombaugh	Nov. 15, 1888	Belmont	13
James McIntosh	October 19, 1888	Prince of Wales	14
Ronald C. Ferguson	Jan. 17, 1888	Brandon	19
Arthur G. M. Spragge	April. 3, 1888	Wascana	23
John Secord	June. 5, 1888	Wascana	23

List of Grand Officers for 1889-90.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, Winnipeg.....Grand Master
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R. W. Bro. John Andrew Davidson, Neepawa.....D. D. G. M
R. W. Bro. Alfred Thomas Cuddy, Minnedosa.....D. D. G. M
R. W. Bro. Michael Collins, Carberry.....D. D. G. M
R. W. Bro. Thomas James Agnew, Prince Albert.....D. D. G. M
R. W. Bro. Amos Rowe, Calgary.....D. D. G. M
R. W. Bro. Manuel John Novella, Tangier.....D. D. G. M
R. W. Bro. John Hewgill, Moosomin.....D. D. G. M
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V. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat.....Grand Junior Deacon
V. W. Bro. Duncan John Campbell, Fort McLeod.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. William Austin Jowett, Winnipeg.....Grand Organist
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V. " " Donald Hope.

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Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba from the Date of Organization.

Date	Grand Master.	Deputy G. M.	Gr. S. Warden.	Gr. J. Warden.	Gr. Treasurer.	Gr. Secretary.	Gr. Registrar.	Gr. Chaplain.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson	S. L. Bedson...	*Col. John Kennedy.	John H. Bell.....	H. T. Champiom.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	James Henderson	S. L. Bedson...	G. F. Newcomb	J. J. Johnston ...	John H. Bell.....	J. W. Harris.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb..	James Henderson	John W. Harris	E. G. Conklin..	J. J. Johnston ...	John H. Bell.....	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb..	John W. Harris..	Simon Duffin..	*F. T. Bradley .	J. J. Johnston ...	John H Bell.....	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris..	Simon Duffin..	R. McCuaig....	J. J. Johnston ...	John H. Bell.....	James Munro	Rev. James Flett
1880	John H. Bell.....	E. G. Conklin....	Hon. G. McMicken.	J. M. McGregor	J. J. Johnston ...	Wm. G. Scott....	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....	†D. B. Murray .	C. F. Forrest ..	J. J. Johnston ...	Jas. Henderson ..	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott ...	Alfred Pearson	C. F. Forrest ..	J. J. Johnston ...	‡H. D. P. LeCappelain.	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell.....	†D B. Murray ...	R. McCuaig....	†Jno. Smith, M.D.	J. J. Johnston ...	Wm. G. Scott ...	D. Young, M.D...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	John H. Bell.....	C. F. Forrest.....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	J. J. Johnston ...	Wm. G. Scott...	†Wm. Simpson ...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	C. F. Forrest	Alfred Pearson ..	P. McGregor...	†Thos. Collins ..	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott....	J. W. H. Wilson..	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	Alfred Pearson...	Peter McGregor..	J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon ..	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott...	Wm. G. Bell	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	Thomas Clark....	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell...	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott....	James S. Greig...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	Thomas Clark....	James A. Ovas..	William G. Bell	R. C. Brown...	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott....	Joseph Daniel....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. George Bell	Thos. L. Morton	Thos McPherson	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott....	Jas. A. Payne....	Rev. Arthur W. Golding.

* Dead. † Removed from jurisdiction. ‡ Expelled.

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Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria.
Canada	Æ. Irving	Hamilton.
California	John Mills Browne	Vallego.
Colorado	John Widderfield	El Moro.
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London.
Cuba and Colon	Juan Jubizareta	Havana.
Dakota	Samuel Roy	Lead City.
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Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington.
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville.
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport.
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo.
Iowa	George W. Van Leuven	Clear Springs.
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca.
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville.
Louisiana	Charles Chaffee	New Orleans.
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren.
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson.
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron.
Minnesota	J. B. Cummings	Winona.
Mississippi	John Rice, M.D.	Sardis.
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis.
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City.
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City.
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City.
New Bruswick	W. F. Dibblee	Woodstock.
New Jersey	Wm. Hardacre	Camden.
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester.
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec.
New South Wales, United	Alfred Burne, M.D.	Sydney.
New York	Samuel Jones	New York City.
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M.D.	Hopewell.
Ohio	John D. Calwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Layfayette.
Pennsylvania	Gen. Louis Wagner	Philadelphia.
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima.
Prince Edward Island	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Wm. H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence.
Scotland	Dr. James Cranston	Edinburg.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	T. C. Cawood	Dandridge.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Freedom H. Church	Corinne.
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville.
Washington Territory	Thomas Taylor Minor	Townsend.
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne.
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne.

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British Columbia	John Stanley Hough	Winnipeg.
Canada	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg.
California	John W. H. Wilson	Winnipeg.
Colorado	William Henry Seach	Winnipeg.
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg.
Cuba and Colon	Rev. James Irving	Rat Portage.
Dakota	Rev. James M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg.
District of Columbia	Thomas Alfred Cuddy	Minnedosa.
England	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
Florida	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg.
Georgia	Thomas Lewis Morton	Gladstone.
Idaho	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg.
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg.
Indian Territory	James M. McGregor	Winnipeg.
Iowa	Thomas Clark	Winnipeg.
Kansas	James Alexander Ovas	Souris.
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg.
Maine	George Munroe	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Alexander Nichol	Gladstone.
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg.
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg.
Mississippi	William George Bell	Winnipeg.
Missouri	James Munroe	Springfield.
Montana	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg.
Nebraska	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.
Nevada	William McDonald	Pilot Mound.
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New Hampshire	David James Goggin	Winnipeg.
New Jersey	William John Ptolemy	Winnipeg.
New Mexico	George F. Newcomb	Deloraine.
New South Wales United	Daniel Hunter McMillan	Winnipeg.
New York	John Walter Harris	Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia	David B. Murray	Winnipeg.
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg.
Oregon	Alexander G. McKenzie	Stonewall.
Pennsylvania	William G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Peru	Charles Napier Bell	Winnipeg.
Prince Edward Island	Elias George Conklin	Winnipeg.
Quebec	Samuel L. Bedson	Rockwood.
Rhode Island	Richard W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg.
Scotland	John Headly Bell	Winnipeg.
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon.
South Carolina	Gilbert McMicken	Winnipeg.
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Portage la Prairie.
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assiniboia
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon.
Virginia	William Ross Black	Carberry.
Washington Territory	Rev. James M. Wellwood	Minnedosa.
West Virginia	John Alexander Kerr	Regina.
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg.
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg.

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Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
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Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
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Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on Tuesday, September 3rd, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889, at 3 o'clock p.m.

OPENING.

The Special Communication was opened in *ample form* by the M. W. Grand Master.

PRESENT:

M.·.W.·.Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, (10).....Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. " William George Bell, (3)..... .....Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Alexander James Belch, (4).....as Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Willard C. Copeland, (25)..... " " Junior Warden.
" " " William Geo. Scott, (1).....Grand Secretary.
" " " William Duncan Douglas, (3)..... .as Grand Senior Deacon.
V. " " Donald Hope, (3)..... " " Junior Deacon.
" " Robert Edwin Sutter, (1).....as Grand Steward.
" " Samuel Gibson Getty Thompson, (4).... " " "
" " John McBride, (1).....Grand Tyler.
Members of Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

The M... W.·. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that they were assembled in Special Communication for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the Jewish Synagogue, he having accepted the invitation of the Building Committee to lay said stone in accordance with the usages of our Ancient Craft.

A procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Constitution was formed, and headed by the Infantry School Band marched through the city to the site of the new building, arriving shortly after four o'clock. A pavilion had been erected over the east end of the foundation, on the floor of which many of the assemblage stood, while many more remained on the adjoining street. A number of chairs had been provided, which were occupied by the ladies. The Grand Master and Grand Officers took their stand around a table, on which was a rich covering of artistically embroidered silk, the gift of Dr. Levi, a visiting Hebrew from Palestine.

The Grand Master began the proceedings by saying :

"We are gathered to-day for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Jewish Synagogue about to be erected in our midst. I will ask Bro. Philip Brown to address us and further explain the object of our assembling."

Bro. Brown, the Chairman of the Building Committee, addressing the Grand Master, Grand Officers and others present, spoke as follows :

"A sacred task is about to be performed ; a corner stone is about to be laid for a house of worship. You have assembled to witness a symbolical, time-honored ceremony and to testify by your presence your deep interest in the erection of the projected edifice. Upon this foundation we have resolved to erect a house devoted to the worship of the Most High, the Creator and Governor of the Universe, the Preserver of all mankind, the Guardian of Israel, a house worthy of the name we bear and the religion we profess. At the completion of this edifice we will possess a new home wherein to assemble from new moon to new moon, from Sabbath to Sabbath in order to pour out the utmost feeling of our hearts in prayer and in praise to the Omnipotent and All Kind Ruler of the universe. Let us trust, my friends, that this structure will be a noble monument to a pious enterprise, a bright ornament to our faith and our people, and the just pride of its founders, the community of Winnipeg. Gradually this structure will rise, assume its proportions, and present to the admiring beholder the embodiment of the Master's finished design. But not the material, however costly, not the house, however beautiful, nor the decorations, however magnificent, will furnish cause for exultation. Ornamented walls are without significance unless man invests them with his sentiments, his feelings, his ideas and his principles. The sentiments, with which at a future day you, my brethern in faith, will enter the portals of these walls will constitute their intrinsic ornament. The feelings which inspire our hearts this hour render this occasion holy, solemn, and joyful. The Taber-

nacle of Moses in the wilderness was constructed at the special command of God, in the words, "And they shall make unto me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among them." This primitive, moveable sanctuary, was succeeded by the magnificent temple at Jerusalem ; and that again by the unpretending, widely scattered synagogues ; for, although the glory of the Lord filled the universe ; although every spot where we call upon His name He has promised His blessing ; yet in a house specially dedicated to His holy name we cannot fail to be imbued with the Divine, and to rise to a higher appreciation of our duties as men and our destiny as Israelities. "I will dwell among you, saith the Lord." That is, I will animate you with my spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of truth and love, the spirit of justice and the fear of God ; such is the spirit of religion, and such is the true spirit of Judaism. The tabernacle and temple have vanished, but that spirit has survived ; with our dispersion it was wafted over the habitable globe and was enshrined in every synagogue. Neither the burning south, nor the frigid north ; neither the rod of despotism, nor the shafts of persecution nor the genial influence of liberty could weaken its force, abate our constancy or shake our faith in the Holy One. We stand here as the connecting link of past and future, anxious to transmit to posterity the sacred inheritance, the heavenly truth, the Divine oracle received from our fathers, the basis upon which the temple of harmony, of peace, of happiness and salvation for all mankind, will one day be reared in its lofty grandeur."

Addressing the Grand Master, Bro. Brown said :

"As Hiram, King of Tyre, assisted King Solomon in building the first temple so do we ask you Most Worshipful Sir, to lay the corner stone of the Jewish Synagogue in this province; so do we approach you with the assurance of response to assist us in the furtherance of this our undertaking, as did King Solomon when he called for the aid of one of the patron architects of our ancient and honorable order."

Addressing the public the speaker said :

"We also ask the help of all lovers of religous liberty, regardless of class, creed or nationality ; and we feel from the knowledge of the liberality of the people of Winnipeg, that our appeal will not be in vain."

To the Jewish people Bro. Brown said :

"To you, my co-religionists, I will say, you have undertaken a holy and glorious work ; the corner-stone is about to be laid, the synagogue will soon be erected and afford a lasting monument to your noble efforts. Great, no doubt, were your exertions, great the sacrifices which it has hitherto cost you ; and yet the work is only in its inception, and great no doubt will be the sacrifices necessary for its completion. Be strong, therefore, my brethern, and of good courage ; act in union and harmony, and the difficulties will be surmounted and triumphant success will crown your efforts. As our fathers, the whole people of Israel, assembled in the time of yore at the base of Mount Sinai to listen to the words of revelation, which since then have constituted the corner-stone of the temple of

humanity, so we are assembled around the corner stone of Shaarey Zedek, renewing our allegiance to God, determined to remain faithful to the spirit of His holy law. But, unlike our fathers, we are not encamped in a bleak, inhospitable desert, not surrounded by hostile barbarian tribes, but are citizens of a free and glorious empire, settlers of a thriving and a noble province, residents of a fair city whose changing fortunes cannot affect the high-minded impulses and liberal and generous spirit for which its inhabitants were ever distinguished. Indeed the numerous attendance of our fellow-citizens of other creeds, some to testify their interest and sympathy as spectators; others by active participation in the exercises of the hour, practically illustrates the beautiful line of the sacred bard, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Let this corner-stone now be laid by the worthy brotherhood whose motto is "Light, truth and charity," whose principles and practices are in harmony with the principles and practices of Judaism. May the congregation of Shaarey Zedek realize the fervent anticipations of its founders, become a fountain of holy and blessed influence, a visible embodiment and Messianic teacher of the two cardinal principles of true religion."

Mr. A. Benjamin, Acting Rabbi, then read in English the appropriate consecration prayer.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, next read the scroll about to be deposited in the stone, and the list of articles enclosed, as follows:

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 3rd Day of September, A. D. 1889, and in the era of Freemasonry, A. L. 5889,

And in the 53rd year of the reign of our gracious sovereign Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada, &c.

LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. JOHN SCHULTZ, Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba.

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. THOS. GREENWAY, Premier of Manitoba.

Thos. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Winnipeg.

Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Wm. George Bell, Deputy Grand Master.

ALBERT HARRISON VAN ETTEN, D. D. G. M., Winnipeg District.

The Corner Stone

OF THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

Erected by the Hebrews of Winnipeg, was laid by Most Worshipful Bro. JAMES DALLAS O'MEARA, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M., assisted by the Grand Officers and a number of visiting brethren, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the order, which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

The corner-stone contained, in addition to this scroll, the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, copies of the "Free Press," "Sun," "Canadian Craftsman" and the "Master Mason" of Minneapolis, and the current coins of Canada. Also a list of the officers and members, seventy-one in number, of the Ezras Achim Benevolent Society of Winnipeg.

Just when the ceremony of laying the corner-stone was about to begin, Miss Bessie Finkelstein and Miss Mary Ripstein approached the Grand Master, and the former read an address, a beautifully illuminated copy of which she presented to him. It was as follows:

Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, M. W. G. M., Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Permit me, Most Worshipful Sir, to present to you this trowel, an emblem of your Ancient Order, and in the name of the Hebrews of Manitoba to request your kind offices in laying with it the corner-stone of this edifice, intended as a temple for the service of the great I Am, the God of all nations, the Creator of the world. May you, sir, in future years, when viewing this implement, remember with pleasure this moment, and may the mortar with which you cement this stone be typical of good will and universal charity which should be spread over our actions with one another, as inculcated by Him in His words to all mankind. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Hebrews of Manitoba.

BESSIE FINKLESTEIN.

Winnipeg, September 3, 1889.

Miss Ripstein made the presentation of the silver trowel, on which was an inscription similar to the one placed upon the corner-stone in Hebrew characters, the meaning of which is "Holy Congregatation of Shaary Zedek, 7th Ellui, 5,649."

The Grand Master, in accepting the trowel, expressed his very cordial thanks and his wish that blessings might attend the givers. He said he would treasure the gift among the most precious mementoes of his life.

The Masonic ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone were then proceeded with in due form; and after it was placed the Deputy Grand Master applied the square, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Grand Junior Warden the plumb rule; and they having so reported, the Grand Master, striking it three times with the gavel, declared it to be well and truly laid. The Deputy Grand Master then strewed corn upon it, the Senior Warden poured wine, and the Junior Warden anointed it with oil, the emblems of Plenty, Joy and Consolation.

The ceremony being completed the Masons returned to the platform and the Grand Master delivered an address on the principles and teachings of Free Masonry. He dwelt upon the appropriateness of the Masons laying the corner-stone, as the first Grand Master and founder of the order, according to tradition, was King Solomon who built the temple at Jerusalem. Another reason why the occasion was appropriate was the relationship between Freemasonry and religion, Freemasonry did not profess to be religion; but religion had no more faithful handmaid than Freemasonry. In this house of God prayer would be unceasingly offered to the Eternal Father of mankind. Prayer was the Mason's most sacred duty and highest privilege. Masonry upheld the hands of and prepared the way for true religion. In this house of God worship would be read from Sabbath day to Sabbath day. In this house men would be reminded that this life was not all. Masonry seeks to link hands with religion and education. Whenever you find the church, the school and the masonic lodge, you find the promise of high and enduring prosperity. Freemasonry is not a benevolent society or a social club, but one of the grandest institutions for shaping true manhood to noble purpose. Masonry has become a power in this land, of righteousness, purity and temperance. In conclusion the Grand Master wished the members of the Jewish Synagogue all possible success. He prayed that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob might be present, that His Divine power

might be with them and uphold them in His righteousness ; and that peace, harmony, love, joy and gladness might be their portion forever.

The benediction having been pronounced the procession reformed and marched, the band leading them as before, back to the Masonic Hall.

CLOSING.

After returning to the hall the M.·. W.·. Grand Master thanked all the brethren, who by their attendance and assistance had helped to make the services of the day a success.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* at 5:30 p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall in the town of Moosomin, District of Assiniboia, on Friday, September 20th, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889, at 3 o'clock p.m.

OPENING.

The Special Communication was opened in *ample form* by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara, (10) Grand Master.
W. " John McGuirl, (35). ....as Deputy Grand Master.
" Francis Gladstone Lewin,(35)... " Grand Senior Warden.
" Robert Anderson,..... " Grand Junior Warden.
" Alexander S. Smith, (35)..... " Grand Secretary.
" John Tucker, (35)..... " Grand Senior Deacon.
" Robert Millar, (35). ..... " Grand Junior Deacon.
R.·. W.·. " James Weidman, (34)..... " Grand Pursuivant.
" James Harris, (35)..... " Grand Steward.
" Rev. James P. Sargent, (26)..... " Grand Chaplain.
" Joseph McCallum White, (35).... " Grand Tyler.
Members of Moosomin Lodge and visiting brethren.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that they were assembled in Special Communication for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Moosomin Methodist church, he having accepted the invitation of the Church Building Committee to lay said stone in accordance with the usages of Freemasonry.

A procession in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Constitution, was formed and proceeded to the site of the new church.

The ceremony was commenced by the offering up of prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe, by Bro. Rev. James P. Sargent, Acting Grand Chaplain, after which the stone was laid in accordance with the usages of Ancient Freemasonry.

Upon the completion of the ceremony, the Grand Master delivered an address to those present.

The procession then re-formed and returned to the Hall.

After returning to the hall the M.·. W.·. Grand Master thanked the brethren who had helped by their attendance to make the services of the day a success.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* at 4.30 o'clock, p. m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Winnipeg, commencing on Wednesday, June 11th, A.D. 1890, A. L., 5890, at 8:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James Dallas O'Meara (10) ..... Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. " William George Bell (3) ..... Deputy Grand Master.
" " Thomas Lewis Morton (11) ..... Grand Senior Warden.
" " Thomas McPherson (41) ..... Grand Junior Warden.
" " Albert Harrison Van Etten (3) ..... D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 1
" " William Francis Ellis, (30) ..... D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 2.
" " John Hewgill (35) ..... D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3
" " John McKechnie (1) ..... Grand Treasurer.
" " William George Scott (1) ..... Grand Secretary.
" " James Andrew Payne (4) ..... Grand Registrar.
" " Rev. Arthur William Goulding (12) ..... Grand Chaplain.
" " Willard Cooke Copeland (25) ..... as Grand Senior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. " Donald Hope (3) ..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Duncan J. Campbell (37) ..... G. Director of Ceremonies
" " Robert White Woodroofe (1) ..... Grand Pursuivant.
" " James George Dagg, (2) ..... Grand Steward.
" " Richard Dennis Foley (30) ..... Grand Steward.
" " Thomas Henry Kellett (40) ..... Grand Steward.
" " Bro. John McBride (1) ..... Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. George Black (10) ..... Past Grand Master.
" " Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson (10) ..... " "
" " John Headley Bell (5) ..... " "
" " Alfred Pearson (1) ..... " "

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Walter Harris (4)..... .....Past Deputy G. Master.
" " William George Scott (1)..... ..... " "
" " James Alexander Ovas (15)..... " "
" " Willard Cooke Copeland (25).....P.D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 1
" " William John Ptolemy (4)..... " " "
" " David James Goggin (10)..... " " "
" " Roderick McCuaig (7)..... " " " 3
" " James Leslie (14,)..... ..... " " " 4
" " Frank White Peters (10),..... " " " 5
" " Simon Duffin (3), ...P. G. Senior Warden.
" " John William Henry Wilson (7),..... " " "

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges.

Alabama.....R.·. W.·. Bro. James Leslie.
Arizona..... ..... " " James Andrew Payne.
Arkansas..... " " Roderick McCuaig.
Canada..... .....M. W. " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
California.....R. " " John W. H. Wilson.
Connecticut.....M. " " George Black.
Dakota..... .. " " Frederick Leslie Newman.
England.....M. " " Alfred Pearson.
Florida ..... " " " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
Georgia.....R. " " Thomas Lewis Morton.
Idaho.... .....M. " " John Headley Bell.
Illinois.....V. " " John Leslie.
Indian Territory..... ..... " " " Donald Hope.
Iowa.....R. " " Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
Kansas..... " " " James A. Ovas.
Kentucky.....M. " " Alfred Pearson.
Louisiana..... " " James Johnson White.
Michigan..... .....R. " " John McKechnie.
Mississippi..... " " " William G. Bell.
Montana..... .....M. " " John Headley Bell.
Nebraska..... .R. " " Simon Duffin.
New Hampshire..... .. " " " David James Goggin.
New Jersey..... " " " William John Ptolemy.
New South Wales..... " " Daniel H. McMillan.
New York..... .....R. " " John Walter Harris.

Nevada.....R.·.W.·. Bro. John Colwell.
Nova Scotia.....M.·. " " Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.
Ohio.....R. " " Willard C. Copeland.
Pennsylvania..... " " " William George Scott.
Peru..... " " Charles Napier Bell.
Rhode Island..... " " Richard W. A. Rolph.
Scotland.....M. " " John Headley Bell,
Virginia.....R. " " William Francis Ellis.
Wisconsin.....V. " " Thomas Robinson.

Past Masters.

W.·. Bro. Joseph Hursell (1),
R. " " William George Scott (1),
" " " John McKechnie (1),
M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1)
V. " " John Leslie (1),
" " Daniel Hunter McMillan (1)
V. " " Robert White Woodroofe (1),
" " Charles Napier Bell (1),
" " Charles William Sutter (1),
" " Richard Henry Gilhuly (2),
R. " " Simon Duffin (3),
V. " " Richard W. A. Rolph (3),
" " James O'Connor (3),
V. " " Donald Hope (3),
R. " " William George Bell (3),
R. " " Albert H. Van Etten (3),
" " Andrew Schmidt (3),
" " " John Walter Harris (4),
R. " " William John Ptolemy (4),
" " " James Andrew Payne (4),
" " Arthur Stewart (4),
" " Robert Center Fraser (4),
M. " " John Headley Bell (5),
" " Norman Matheson (5),
" " Angus John Munroe (5),
R. " " Roderick McCuaig (7),
" " Samuel Reid Marlatt (7),
" " Byron Marcus Canniff (7),
" " Richard Taylor (7),
" " Henry Joseph Woodside (7),
" " Frederick Leslie Newman (7),
" " George Davison (7),

W.·. Bro. Arthur E. J. Durrant (7),
R. " " John W. H. Wilson (7),
" " Robert Fairbairn McTavish (8),
M. " " Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara (10),
" " " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10),
R. " " David James Goggin (10),
V. " " Thomas Robinson (10),
" " John Beaufort Somerset (10),
" " George Russell Thompson (10),
R. " " Frank White Peters (10),
" " John Robert Grant (10),
R. " " Thomas Lewis Morton (11),
" " Archibald St. Clair McGregor (11),
" " John Mason (11),
V. " " William Thomas Vincent (12),
R. " " James Leslie (14),
" " John Franklin Boyd (14),
R. " " James Alexander Ovas (15),
V. " " John Colwell (19),
" " John McDiarmid (19),
" " Peter Cuthbert Duncan (19),
R. " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25),
" " Hyman Miller (25),
" " James Alexander Carley (25),
" " John Peters Anderson (29),
R. " " William Francis Ellis (30),
R. " " John Hewgill (35),
V. " " Duncan John Campbell (37),
V. " " Thomas Henry Kellett (40),
R. " " Thomas McPherson (41),

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Goulding, Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons, in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

The Minutes of the Grand Lodge at the Fourteenth Annual Communication held on the 13th and 14th February, A. D. 1889, having been printed and copies thereof distributed to the Lodges the same on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), were taken as read and were confirmed.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), the reading of the minutes of a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge held at the City of Winnipeg on September 3rd, A.D.,1889, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Jewish Synagogue, were taken as read and were confirmed.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. John H. Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), the minutes of a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge held in the Town of Moosomin, Assiniboia, on Friday, September 20th, A.D. 1889, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Methodist Church, were taken as read and were confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, then read his annual address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

I would fain strike the key-note of my message to you to-day by a few words of grateful thanks; of thanks to our Father in Heaven, who during my term of office, as Grand Master, guarded my steps and hedged about my path with protecting care along many miles of travel through this, one of the most extensive Jurisdictions in the world, who, in His good Providence, has privileged me to meet and to address so many of my brethren of the Craft, and who has brightened my path everywhere with so much kindliness of greeting and genuine Masonic love as to have made my year of office one of the brightest in my life; of thanks to the members of the Craft everywhere throughout this Jurisdiction for their loyal support, their hearty and Masonic welcome, and their generous appreciation of any efforts which I may have been permitted to put forth for the good of the cause we serve and of the Ancient Craft which we so dearly love. My special thanks are due to the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary for valuable assistance frequently and cheerfully rendered.

But my feeling of gratitude for the past is mingled with a sense of very serious responsibility in the present. My term of office as Grand Master has given me a sufficiently intimate knowledge of the leaders of Masonic thought in this Jurisdiction to know that I am now addressing a body of earnest and thoughtful men, devoted to the interests of the Craft, men keenly alive to all that affects its well-being, men who have come here from all parts of the Northwest with the one purpose of advancing the welfare of Free Masonry, men in many instances possessed of a far riper Masonic experience and a far wider Masonic knowledge than myself; in view of this thought, in view of the character and personnel of the assembly which I address and of the supreme importance of the purposes for which we are gathered, I feel that I have good reason to ask for a very special measure of that Divine assistance which was invoked for us by the R.·.W.·. Grand Chaplain at the beginning of our proceedings.

In resigning into your hands that important trust with which you charged me sixteen months ago, I shall first endeavor, as in duty bound, to render you an account of my stewardship. I shall recount to you my various official acts, making such comments on any of them as may seem to be called for. I shall then indicate to you some subjects which in my opinion may well occupy the attention of Grand Lodge, and I shall close with a general review of the condition of the Craft in the Jurisdiction over which it has been my honor and pleasure to preside.

I have issued the following dispensations :

(a) TO OPEN NEW LODGES.

On the 18th of March, 1889, at Oak Lake, Manitoba.
On the 15th " 1890, at Pincher Creek, Alberta.
On the 15th " 1890, at Broadview, Assiniboia.

In each of these cases there is, I believe, the promise of efficient Masonic work and extending usefulness and success.

(b) TO WEAR REGALIA AT DIVINE SERVICE.

March 24th, 1889..... .....Manitou Lodge, No. 30.
April 6th, 1889.....King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.
....Belmont Lodge, No. 13.
May 18th, 1889.....Lebanon Lodge, U. D.
May 25th, " .....Gladstone Lodge, No. 11,
June 23rd, " .....Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31.
....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
July 1st, 1889,.....Cascade Lodge, No. 42.
June 30th, " .....Indian Head Lodge, No. 33.
Dec. 15th, " .....Corinthian Lodge, No. 15.
.....Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7.
March 29th, " .....Carberry Lodge, No. 29.
April 19th, " ....Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14.
. ...Birtle Lodge, No. 39.
.....Doric Lodge, No. 36.
May 17th, 1890.....Emerson Lodge, No. 6.
....Manitou Lodge, No. 30.

The above dispensations to appear in regalia at Divine service were in every case gladly issued by me. Masonry is not, and does not profess to be, a religion, but rightly understood it is its true friend and handmaiden, and never can a Mason appear in public, as such, under circumstances more entirely consistent with the truest and best teachings of our order than when joining with his fellowmen in paying worship and homage due to his Father and his God and listening to His preached word.

(c) OTHER DISPENSATIONS.

July 5th, 1889.—To Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 32, to install officers out of time.

November 18th, 1889.—To Indian Head Lodge No. 33, to receive and act upon the petition for initiation of Mr. Harold Charles Dodd, of Broadview.

March 26th, 1889.—To Alberta Lodge No. 37, to install officers out of time.

April 20th, 1890.—To Wascana Lodge No. 23, to install W. M. out of time.

The following dispensations were issued by the Deputy Grand Master during my absence from the Jurisdiction :

December 12th, 1889.—To Battle Lodge No. 38, to wear regalia at Divine service and at a public entertainment.

December 10th, 1889.—To Birtle Lodge No. 39, to install officers on the 12th of December, owing to W.M. being about to leave the province for two months.

December 12th, 1889.—To Lebanon Lodge U.D. to wear regalia at public entertainment in Masonic hall.

December 24th, 1889—To Northern Light Lodge No. 10, to transact general business at an emergent meeting.

Dec. 28th, 1889.—To Hiram Lodge No. 5, to hold special election and installation.

December 26th, 1889.—To Belmont Lodge No. 13, to install Bro. Corbett Locke, as W. M., he not having served as Warden.

January 3rd, 1890.—To Moosomin Lodge No. 35 to install officers out of time.

December 26th, 1889.—To Deloraine Lodge No. 40, to wear regalia at a ball.

December 26th, 1889.—To Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, to wear regalia at a ball.

December 26th, 1889.—To Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, to wear regalia at a ball.

The last three dispensations were issued by the D. G. M. through his having misunderstood my wishes in the matter.

Laying Corner Stones.

Assisted by the officers of Grand Lodge, which was duly summoned for the occasion, in answer to invitation I laid the corner stone of the Jewish Synagogue in this city. There was not as large an attendance of the brethren in the city as the interesting nature of the ceremonies might have led us to expect. The Grand Master was made the recipient of a very beautiful and pleasing address and a handsome silver trowel which was presented to him in the name of the Hebrews of Manitoba by two young ladies of the congregation. A few weeks later I gladly accepted an invitation to lay the corner stone of the New Methodist church at Moosomin. There was a good turn out of the brethren, the day was fine and the citizens attended in large numbers. Your Grand Master was laid under obligation by the receipt of an address and a silver trowel presented in the name of the congregation by Bro. Neff, M.L.A. A thoroughly enjoyable social in the evening closed a very pleasant day.

Decisions.

On the enquiry of Assiniboine Lodge No 7, I decided :

(a), That the loss of the first two fingers on the right hand below the knuckle and first joint does not so maim a candidate as to incapacitate him from being admitted to the Craft.

(b). That the removal of the building in which a hall is situate and the partial re-arrangement of the hall does not necessitate its re-dedication.

On the enquiry of Brandon Lodge No. 19, I decided that a Mason who is suspended for non-payment of dues in a lodge in another Jurisdiction is *ipso facto* suspended in any lodge in this jurisdiction, although in the latter lodge he may be in perfectly good standing. [Sec.. 213, p. 53, Const. G.L.M.]

In answer to enquiries from several lodges, I have decided that a full receipt for dues does not of itself constitute such a certificate of good standing as is required for affiliation with lodges in this jurisdiction.

In connection with various complaints addressed to me by members of Battle Lodge No. 38, I have decided that the absence of the P. M. degree does not render null and void the official acts of a Master who has in other respects been duly elected and installed.

Suspensions.

The Grand Lodge at its last session signified its sense of the imperative importance of prompt and regular returns being sent from subordinate lodges at the stated times, and urged the adoption of stringent measures to obtain the desirable result. With that deference to the wishes of Grand Lodge which should bind the Grand Master under as strong an obligation as the youngest Entered Apprentice, and from my own sense of the wisdom of the action of Grand Lodge I issued on the 23rd of May, 1889, an edict commanding all lodges to make prompt returns and informing them that a failure to comply with my commands would render them liable to suspension. The final issue of the proceedings in this matter was the suspension of two lodges which, notwithstanding warnings and delays on my part, continued to ignore the edict and the wishes of Grand Lodge The two Lodges suspended for this reason are: Oakland Lodge No. 9, and Al Moghreb Al Aksa No. 18.

The ultimate fate of these two lodges rests, of course, with Grand Lodge.

Official Visits.

On assuming at your bidding the gavel of the Grand East, I made up my mind that if I was to rule intelligently and usefully over the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction, I must as far as at all possible make myself acquainted with the officers and members of the various subordinate lodges; that I must ascertain their condition; and that I must bear to them a word of encouragement and advice; so that the members of the Order throughout this large and somewhat scattered Jurisdiction might realize the solid worth of the Craft and that so the whole of the brethren and the lodges under this Grand Body might increasingly be bound into a harmonious and compact whole. In accordance with this conception of the scope of my duties as Grand Master, and of the best mode of their fulfillment I arranged for an extended series of official visits to the various parts of the Jurisdiction which I carried out in the following order:

March 19th, 1889.....Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1.
" 29th, " .....Belmont Lodge, No. 13.
" 30th, " ..... Manitou Lodge, No. 30.
April 6th, " .....King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.
" 8th, " .....Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3.
May 18th, " .....Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.
" 19th, " .....Lebanon Lodge, U. D.
" 20th, " .....Oak Lake Lodge, U. D.
" 25th, " .....Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.
" 27th, " .....Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7.
" 27th, " .....Marquette Lodge, No. 21.
June, " .....Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.
" 18th, " .....Indian Head Lodge, No. 33.
" 19th, " ....Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32.
June 20th, " .....Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34.
" 21st, " .....Wascana Lodge, No. 23.
" 23rd, " .....Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.
" 23rd, " ..... Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31.
" 25th, " ..... Alberta Lodge, No. 37.
" 26th, " .....North Star Lodge, No. 41.
" 28th, " .....Bow River Lodge, No. 28.
July 1st, " .....Cascade Lodge, No. 42.
" 11th, " ....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
Oct. 11th, " .....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
March 29th, 1890.....Carberry Lodge, No. 29.
April 1st, " .....Stonewall Lodge, No. 12.
" 19th, " .....Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14.
May 17th, " ..... Emerson Lodge, No. 6.
June 3rd, " .....Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
.....Birtle Lodge, 39.

Time would utterly fail me to give anything like a detailed account of my visit to each of the Lodges which I have mentioned above. I shall therefore content myself with a few general remarks. Two or three very pleasant impressions remain with me as the result of my various official visits. I was glad to find that, unlike the stone which we drop in the lake, the waves of whose influence lessen and weaken the further they get from the centre, the waves of Masonic enthusiasm rather grow stronger as they widen. At Indian Head I heard the lectures on the Tracing Board given by Bro. D. McIntosh as well as I ever heard them in my life.

At North Star Lodge, Lethbridge, which was under the able Mastership of my esteemed friend, our Grand Junior Warden, R.·. W.·. Bro. T. McPherson, Bro. McLeod passed the best examination for raising that I ever listened to. At Bow River Lodge, Calgary, a brother walked forty miles to be present at my official visit, and at Indian Head another brother drove ninety miles for the same purpose.

I was glad to find the work in most cases well done. Of course in the large majority of cases my inspection only extended to the opening and closing of the lodge ; in fact generally, only to the closing, because the duties of my official visit and the lecture which I usually delivered in connection with it, left no time for the exemplification of degree work, but as far as I could judge increasing attention is being given by officers of lodges to correct work.

In connection with my official visits I have also to bear my willing and cordial testimony to the kindly and right royal welcome extended to your Grand Master wherever he went. As long as I live I shall never forget the pleasure that I enjoyed or the kindness which I received during this past Masonic year while on my official visits. Everywhere I met with the thoughtful attention and the kindly consideration of my brethren ; everywhere they vied with one another to make my journey a source of enjoyment to me ; at every point all over this great jurisdiction, I realized that I was indeed among brethren, brethren not in name only, but in ties of friendship and affection.

While on the subject of official visits I would like to mention with gratitude the kindness I received while visiting lodges and members of other Grand Lodges. After completing a series of official visits last summer at Anthracite, I extended my tour to Vancouver, B.C. I was met at the station by R.·. W.·. Bros. Downie and Oppenheimer and received from them a cordial and truly Masonic welcome. They had arranged a reception for me in the Masonic hall, which was very largely attended, and I then had the much valued opportunity of meeting many of the prominent Masons of the Pacific Province. Bro. Downie next day took me about and shewed me all the interesting and beautiful sights of Vancouver and its environs. I further extended my visit to Portland, Oregon, and there again I had good cause to realize that ours is indeed a world-wide family, for M.·. W.·. Bro. Meyer and R.·. W.·. Bro. DeLin by their great kindness made me forget that I was a " stranger in a strange land." Professional business took me last winter to Eastern Canada, and there again your Grand Master was made to feel the warmth of Masonic kindliness. At Hull, Quebec, I had the honor of being invited to a banquet where I had the great privilege of meeting my esteemed brethren, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was bidden to bear from them, and from as fine a lot of Masons as I ever met, their kindly greetings and best wishes for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. In Toronto I was tendered a reception by Wilson Lodge which is ably presided over by my valued friend W. Bro. Clarke. The large hall was completely filled and I was glad of the opportunity thus afforded me of giving our brethren of Toronto some idea of the work and condition of Masonry in the Canadian Northwest. I mention those circumstances in order that you may know something of the kindly interest and respect felt for this Grand Lodge by other Grand Bodies.

Relations With Other Grand Lodges.

I am happy to have to report that our relations with the rest of the Masonic world, save, of course, with the Grand Orient of France, are perfectly friendly and harmonious. I have from time to time received various communications relating to the war of rites, Cerneauism, &c., which seems to be causing such bitterness in Grand Lodges on the other side of the line; but as we are charged only with the interests and the supervision of Craft Masonry, I think we can safely keep our harmony untroubled by any battle cries from the upper air where the celestial hosts of the higher degrees wage their unresting and internecine strife; and I shall therefore make no presentment on this subject to Grand Lodge.

I have received applications for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, which will no doubt meet with full consideration and prompt action from Grand Lodge.

I was glad to be able to extend a fraternal welcome to our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the person of Bro. Gen. Louis Wagner, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Philadelphia. Bro. Wagner's visit was pleasant in itself and valuable as suggesting that the system of Grand Representatives is not always an ornamental appendage to the official lists of Grand Lodge.

Proposed Grand Lodge of Alberta.

I have been notified of the intention of certain of the brethren residing in the District of Alberta to constitute a Grand Lodge to be known as the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Such a Grand Lodge would manifestly violate one of the most fundamental laws of Masonic jurisdiction, viz.: "That each Grand Lodge must at least be co-extensive with some Province or State, which has a seat of Government of its own." Alberta is not a Province in this sense of the word. Should the lodges contained in the whole territory under the control of the Governmental authorities at Regina apply to us for recognition the case would be entirely different.

Appointments.

I have during the last sixteen months made a number of appointments of representatives near other Grand Lodges, full particulars of which will be given by the Grand Secretary who will also submit a report of appointments of representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

Recommendations to Grand Lodge.

I had intended saying something in regard to the duties and position of District Deputy Grand Masters; but as I see from the summons that this is a question that is to engage the attention of Grand Lodge, I shall only allude to one branch of the subject and that is, the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters. The facts are these: If the District Deputy Grand Masters are to do good at all they must visit the Lodges under their control; in some of our Districts the expense of such visitation is a serious matter; the brethren of a District may wish to elect a well

skilled brother who would do the work efficiently and well, and may find that he cannot accept because he is unable to bear the expense of travelling through his District, and so the whole District suffers ; if on the other hand it be held that the Lodges visited should pay the expense of each visit then serious difficulty may ensue unless the District Deputy Grand Master makes wise arrangements so as to take several lodges together and so lessen the expense by dividing it between the Lodges visited. I commend this subject to the attention of Grand Lodge.

Lodges of Instruction.

This is a subject that has become venerable rather by the frequency of its presentation to Grand Lodge, than by anything like a monotonous recurrence in the holding of these very valuable institutions. It must not be lost sight of that the main object of our lodges should not be so much to make Masons as to make good Masons, and nothing would more tend to this valuable result than the holding in each district, say once or twice a year, of regular and carefully prepared Lodges of Instruction, at which at least the principal officers of all the lodges in the District should attend. The District Deputy Grand Master should arrange for three or four of the best skilled Masons in the District to aid him ; a whole day or even two should be given to the work, and each point of ritual or constitution carefully discussed. Those who had attended such Lodges of Instruction would go back to their lodges with new light, and on the well known educational principle of the descent of knowledge, this new light would diffuse itself through the members of all the lodges in the District. May I hope that Grand Lodge may see its way to take such action that Lodges of Instruction may be no longer a possibility or an expectation but may become, throughout the various Districts of the jurisdiction, an accomplished and most hopeful fact.

Masonic Benevolence.

Practical benevolence is a subject so closely inwrought into the very fabric and fibre of the deepest and most abiding principles of our order, that I feel that I need in no way apologize for presenting it at this time to the serious thought of this important body. While the principles of Masonic charity no doubt pervade the minds of all the members of Grand Lodge, still I own that I should like to see those inward feelings crystallize themselves into some definite and outward expression. The motion passed at last session to give one tenth of the contributions of Subordinate Lodges for charitable purposes has not, for some reason, drawn very heavily on the resources of Grand Lodge, and I think that it is worthy of the serious consideration of Grand Lodge whether the time has not come when this important Body should do something to bear public and definite witness to the sentiments of benevolence which actuate its members.

Library and Reading Room.

I would commend this institution to the kindly and careful consideration of Grand Lodge. The Reading Room, comfortable as it is and well supplied with Masonic and general literature furnishes a pleasant home and meeting place not only for brethren in Winnipeg but also for brethren from lodges outside of the

city. In the Library we already have the nucleus of a valuable collection. I have no doubt the Librarian would be delighted to receive and act upon any suggestions from Grand Lodge that would lead to the increased usefulness and appreciation of the Library.

Condition of the Craft.

I would wish now, ere I close, to report to Grand Lodge my impressions of the present state of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. I believe I can honestly say that Free Masonry was never in a better condition since the inception of our Grand Lodge, fifteen years ago, than it is to-day. In the first place, the moral standing of the Craft is higher now than it has been. I believe that increasingly the brethren are realizing the supreme, the imperative importance of guarding well the sacred portals of our Order so that no unworthy material may bring danger and possible downfall to the seemly structure of our Masonic Temple. Masons everywhere over the length and breadth of this vast jurisdiction are, I think, catching loftier conceptions of the moral beauty and grandeur of our ancient and illustrious Order ; everywhere our brethren are beginning to look within the fair and golden casket of our solemn and seemly ceremonials and to see more clearly the unpriced gems of truth and purity and love that are there enshrined ; everywhere they are beginning to realize that under God, Masonry is or ought to be a moral power to lift their lives to loftier levels of true manhood, to noble scorn of selfishness and a noble passion for generous self-sacrifice and a pervading kindliness and love.

And this increasing respect for the dignity of Free Masonry is, I am glad to say, leading to increased decorum in conducting the impressive ceremonies of our Order. I believe that that practical joking and horse-play which has occasionally disgraced the proceedings of some of our lodges, has now about ceased to exist in this Jurisdiction.

The lodges generally with very few exceptions seem to be in a fairly flourishing condition as to finances and membership. In some it would be very desirable that the average attendance were a little larger and a little more in proportion to the total role of membership. During the year a most beneficial change has taken place at Portage la Prairie by the amalgamation into one Lodge of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 and Marquette Lodge No. 21, making together one of the strongest and most flourishing Lodges in the whole Jurisdiction. Bros. F. L. Newman, A.E.J. Durant and the other "fathers of amalgamation" deserve the thanks of the whole fraternity for their earnest and successful efforts to bring about this most desirable result. I am glad to be able to announce that Northern Light Lodge, No. 10 which at last session of Grand Lodge, seemed to be in a moribund condition, has under the resurrecting hand of M. ·. W. ·. Bro. G. Black taken a new lease of life and now seems to have entered on a course of greater activity and usefulness than ever. We have recently had to say farewell to an old and valued friend. Hiram Lodge No. 5 in past years filled an important and valuable place among the older Lodges of the Jurisdiction ; it numbered among its Past Masters three Grand Masters, but owing to the removal of quite the larger number of its members, and

to the somewhat inconvenient location of its Lodge room, it was thought better to surrender its charter which has accordingly been done.

And now brethren ere I bring to a close this, I fear already too lengthy address, and set you free for the active and engrossing business of Grand Lodge, let me very earnestly remind you of the weighty interests that as members of Grand Lodge are committed to your care. In moulding the destinies and shaping the future of Free Masonry in this new land, you are dealing with issues whose profound importance and ultimate effect must far transcend the possibilities of our comprehension. Here in this new country at the present stage of its developnent, we stand, in tip-toed expectation on the very threshold of a future, pregnant with possibilities of greatness, fateful with forces of progress and of power as yet but dimly fashioned in our fondest fancies ; the dawn of a new day of accelerating progress and advance, seems, to our straining eyes, to be already breaking over the fertile prairies and the luxuriant corn lands of our western home; the stir of a mighty movement seems already beating in the air, the march of multitudes that are yet to come to us seems to be borne to us from far and near on every wind that blows ; to eyes that have waited wearily for the breaking of the day, the shadows of depression seem at last to be fleeing away before the glory of a new era of success in the up-building and advancement of the land we love.

"Though hearts brood o'er the past, our eyes
With smiling futures glisten,
For lo ! our day bursts up the skies,
Lean out your souls and listen,
The world rolls freedom's radiant way
And ripens with her sorrow:
Keep heart ; who bears the cross to-day
Shall wear the crown to-morrow. "

And in this march of progress that I trust most surely waits our land, Masonry, if she plays her part aright, shall bear no small or unimportant share. For Masonry rightly understood reaches the very roots of all true progress, for she directs her energies to the gathering of moral not of material wealth. She applies her efforts to the improvement not of circumstances but of character. And it's character that makes manhood and it's manhood that makes possible all true and lasting progress. Let the thought be with us in all our deliberations that this institution for whose increasing usefulness and strength we are providing here is destined to become a mighty force and factor in the ultimate future of our people ; and let us remember that, as Masons, we are building, not for the passing day or year, but for uncounted centuries yet to come ; for in dealing with the up-building of human character we are dealing with that which alone, amid the flux and flow of changing circumstances is permanent and abiding. For remember, brethren, that it is character after all that constitutes our true life ; wealth, friends, the time we live in, the joys and sorrows, the peculiar pleasures and pains of our individual being, these are but the temporary trappings of our true humanity ; these are but the scaffold we have used in building the true edifice, the edifice that shall

last for weal and woe, long after the scaffolding has all been taken down by the stern vicissitudes of life or the still sterner hand of death itself. This nation of the Northwest, at whose birth we now are watching, may yet climb to a position of dazzling magnificence and world-wide fame and honor ; it may reach the zenith of its success, and then rush downward to its predestined fall ; these cities which shall yet spread their multitudinous life over our lonely plains, may in turn pass away and vanish from the earth to be numbered with those buried cities of the past over whose crumbling and forgotten ruins, the night-winds wail the miserere of their departed glory; all this may yet take place in the centuries that are yet to be ; and still our work as Masons shall endure; shall endure did I say? Nay ; more than endure—if it be done with a high unfaltering trust in the sustaining strength of our Father and our God, and a sublime sense of its supreme value and importance, it shall grow and multiply as the sown seed grows into the glory and the gladness of the ripened grain ; the kindly deeds we do, the strong words of right and truth we speak, the wise measures we adopt, the well considered plans we lay, these all, touching as they do the permanent and the enduring in human life and character, shall bear abundant and increasing fruit long, long after you and I are numbered with the silent dead, and I doubt not that by God's great mercy we ourselves may reap the ripened harvest in that fair land of our longings and desires " where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

JAMES DALLAS O'MEARA,

Grand Master.

On motion of V.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Grand Master's address was referred to a special committee of three for comment and distribution. R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (1), V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), and W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), were appointed such committee by the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

In addition to a number of non-official visits to the several Lodges, I have made one or more official visitations to each Lodge in the District.

On June 24th, 1889, with the assistance of V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, I installed the officers of Ionic Lodge No. 25, and on December 27th, 1889, I installed the officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, St. John's Lodge No. 4, and Northern Light Lodge No. 10. On the latter occasion I had the assistance and co-operation of R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood, V.·. W.·. John Leslie and V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson. After the installation I conferred the degree of Past Master upon the newly installed Masters.

During my term of office I have not been called upon to make any judicial decisions. Peace, harmony and prosperity now prevail throughout the District.

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, and St. John's Lodge No. 4, still continue in the steady career of progress and prosperity which has characterized them for several years. The officers of each lodge are well skilled and display commendable enthusiasm in doing good work and in looking after the interests of their respective lodges and of the Craft in general.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2 is in a prosperous condition and is to be congratulated upon the efficiency and ability of its officers. The smoothness of the floor work and the beauty and solemn effect of the degree work can scarcely be excelled.

Hiram Lodge No. 5 has held few meetings during the year, and I made two ineffectual attempts to visit officially, there not being a quorum present on either occasion. I succeeded, however, in meeting with the lodge in May last and it was then finally decided to wind up the affairs of the lodge. The Grand Lodge will probably be asked to accept the surrender of the charter, and I would recommend that the same be accepted as owing to the inconvenient location and various other circumstances the usefulness of the lodge has departed.

Emerson Lodge No. 6 seems to have been unfortunate in not having received a visit from a Grand Lodge officer for several years, consequently on the occasion of my visit I was received with unusual enthusiasm. I was accompanied by R.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, Deputy Grand Master, V.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Wood-

roofe, and Bro. Gemmel, of Virden. I believe our visit was the cause of considerable benefit to the lodge and it was an occasion of great enjoyment to myself and to those who accompanied me. Owing to commercial depression that town has not made much progress but nevertheless the lodge is in a healthy condition. Under the management of its able W. Master and assisted by the enthusiasm of Rev. Bro. Watts the lodge will undoubtedly hold its own, even in adverse circumstances.

Northern Light Lodge No. 10 for a long time appeared to have gone out of existence. One or two meetings and several private conferences were held during the early part of last year to consider the advisability of amalgamating with another lodge, or of surrendering its charter. No definite action was taken and the lodge failed to hold any regular meetings until late in the year. I made every possible effort to induce the brethren of this lodge to resume work and through the exertions of M.·. W.·. Bro. George Black and others a number of the members were induced to sign an agreement to attend all meetings during a stated period. A meeting of the lodge was held with a good attendance of members when it was unanimously resolved not to surrender the charter or amalgamate with another lodge, but a decision was arrived at to put forth every effort to again place the lodge on a firm basis. Since that time this lodge has continued to prosper and has received a gratifying increase in membership. The attendance at the meetings has been large and the work unequalled. Two B. Y. P. socials have been held both of which were largely attended, the proceedings being enjoyed by all present. The lodge is now in a good financial condition and is rapidly reasserting its claim to the position of one of the most prosperous Lodges in the jurisdiction.

Stonewall Lodge, No. 12, at the date of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was not enjoying its usual peace and prosperity owing to dissensions amongst its members, the trouble arising out of the disputed ownership of the building where its meetings are held. I made an official visit to the Lodge in April, 1889, when I was happily enabled to effect a reconciliation of the differences existing and to make satisfactory arrangements for the settlement of the difficulties, and I am pleased to report that peace and harmony now prevails. I visited the Lodge again when some disputed funds, held by the Treasurer, were paid over. The meeting proved to be a "love feast" where all past differences were buried.

The members of Ionic Lodge No. 25, have for some time exhibited a lamentable lack of interest in the affairs of the lodge. A certain amount of ill-feeling or jealousy has prevailed during the year, the trouble as near as I can learn arising out of unfounded accusations as to methods used to influence votes in the election of officers. These feelings have died out and from present indications the future harmony and prosperity of the lodge is assured.

While it may appear invidious to specify any where all are excellent, yet I cannot refrain from complimenting the W.·. Masters of Northern Light, Lisgar and Emerson Lodges, for the beauty and impressiveness of their work in conferring degrees. There is, however, an appreciable difference in the work of the several

Lodges, and I would suggest for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the advisability or practicability of establishing a lodge of Past Masters for the purpose of arriving at a greater uniformity of work, and possibly through the same agency of diffusing throughout the jurisdiction a more general knowledge of the history, law and landmarks of the Order.

I have endeavored in my official visitations to impress upon the lodges the necessity of a careful study of our Constitution and a strict compliance with its requirements. I have also pointed out to the brethren the importance of a close scrutiny of the character of applicants for initiation and advised the unsparing use of the black ball in all doubtful cases and have endeavored to inculcate the moral teachings of our order and the practice of charity.

On the occasion of my last visit to Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, I advocated the claims of several institutions in this City to our aid, and I am pleased to state that the lodge has since made a liberal grant to the Children's Home and to the Christian Women's Union. The example has been followed by Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, and I feel assured that other Lodges will make grants as soon as their finances will permit. The action of these two Lodges cannot but redound to the credit of the Craft and these grants will, I trust, be continued from year to year.

The report of the Winnipeg Board of Relief shows that during the year there has been expended for relief the sum of eighty-three dollars ($83.00). There has been repaid by brethren who received assistance before the current year the sum of fifty-five dollars ($55.00); and there has been received for capitation tax from lodges the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and twenty-five cents ($175.25). Northern Light Lodge No. 10, which has been in an unsettled state, has not contributed.

The balance of cash on hand is two hundred and four dollars and twenty-five cents ($204.25).

From the report it will be seen that a good work is being done. Several unworthy applicants for relief have been refused aid, but many deserving cases have received proper attention.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. VAN ETTEN,

D.D.G.M., Number One, or Winnipeg District.

No. 2.---Emerson District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Emerson District No. 2.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.

I regret to state that I did not visit this lodge during my term of office and have therefore no report to make concerning it.

Oakland Lodge, No. 9, Carman.

Since the last Communication of Grand Lodge the charter of this lodge has been forfeited and from all I could learn no other course could have properly been adopted.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden.

I visited this lodge officially on the evening of the Regular Communication in May last, when two second and one third degrees were conferred. The work of the Master and his Wardens was very creditably performed. There is some room for improvement in that of the assistant officers. The lecture on the tracing board of the second degree as given by the Senior Warden was about perfect. In my opinion three degrees is rather too much work for one evening and I so advised the lodge. I examined the books of the secretary and found them very neatly kept, but not, however, in accordance with the forms prescribed in the Constitution. I directed his attention to this fact and it appears he had not observed that any special forms for recording the minutes had been laid down in the Constitution.

At the last meeting of Grand Lodge the membership of Belmont Lodge was only forty-four and now it is sixty. The cash on hand is $253.00 and the amount in arrears for dues only $25.00. There are only four members in arrears for dues for one year or more. The average attendance at Regular Communications is twenty-seven, and eleven degrees have been conferred during the last seven meetings.

The prosperous condition of Belmont Lodge is to a great extent the result of the zeal, ability and indefatigable exertions of their W.·. Master and his bright Wardens.

Pembina Lodge No. 20, Pilot Mound.

At the last Communication of Grand Lodge the charter of this lodge was arrested for a year. With a view to resuscitating the lodge I issued notices calling a meeting for Thursday, 1st of May last, and mailed them to nineteen of the old members, being all whose addresses I could obtain.

On that evening I attended accompanied by W. Bro. R. D. Foley, and was surprised to find only seven brethren present, and of these only two were members in good standing. Two others had taken their dimits prior to the

arrest of the charter, and the remaining three were non-affiliates in Manitoba.

I believe Free Masonry is dead in Pilot Mound with no hope of a resurrection in the near future.

MANITOU LODGE NO. 30.

The membership of this lodge has increased from twenty-six to thirty-five since the last communication of Grand Lodge, and the average attendance from thirteen to nineteen. The cash balance on hand is $54.00, and there are only five members in arrears for dues for one year or more. The new hall in which the lodge now meets is very suitable for the purpose. Nineteen communications have been held and seventeen degrees conferred since last Grand Lodge meeting. The lectures in the degree are always given by the W.·. M., V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert D. Foley who is thoroughly posted in his work and who can, and does, confer degrees as well as I have seen it done in Manitoba.

I have attended every meeting except one of Manitou Lodge since the dispensation 10th April 1884, and have acted as secretary during the same period, and have therefore no remarks to make on how the books are kept.

The lodge attended divine service in regalia on Sunday last when twenty-four brethren were present. The services were conducted by Bro. Rev. W. D. Barber, and the collection on the occasion, amounting to $35.00, was given to the Winnipeg General Hospital.

DORIC LODGE NO. 36, AND DELORAINE LODGE NO. 40.

I had not the pleasure of visiting either of these lodges, either officially or othrewise, but I have reason to believe that both are in a highly prosperous condition. It is to be regretted that both those Lodges hold their regular communications on the same evening, as it prevents visiting between their members, not to mention the case of a D. D. G. M. in the event of one happening to pass that way.

In conclusion I beg to say, that I have not peformed the duties of D. D. G. M. as I should have, or as I intended and promised to perform them, and instead of having earned the rank of P. D. D. G. M. I have earned the vote of censure. If any brother should see fit to move such a motion I shall feel it my duty to vote in favor of the resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. ELLIS,

D. D. G. M., Number Two, or Emerson District.

No. 3---Portage la Prairie District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M. :

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Portage la Prairie District No. 3, I feel bound to apologize to Grand Lodge, as well as to the different lodges in this district, inasmuch as I have been unable to discharge my duties in the matter of visiting, having only visited Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, and Gladstone Lodge No. 11, once during my term of office. Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, being my own lodge I have attended it regularly. I am glad to be able to report that, although no very rapid increase has been made in membership, Masonry is in a fairly good condition throughout this district, and with the return of more prosperous times will, I am sure, keep pace with the forward march. In all the lodges in this district great care is exercised in watching the western portal and only good material admitted. Below I submit a table which contains information I have obtained as to membership, work and financial standing, &c., of each lodge.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

This lodge is in a prosperous condition, is well officered and doing good work. The books are neatly and well kept and its financial condition very satisfactory. Much good has resulted from the amalgamation of Marquette Lodge No. 21 with this lodge and great credit is due the brethren who were instrumental in bringing about the amalgamation.

Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

This lodge, although not making the progress of former years, is still in a healthy condition. It has good officers and does its work well. The books are well kept and finances satisfactory. The lodge lost its very efficient secretary by the removal of W.·. Bro. John Mason to Portage la Prairie last year, and the responsibilites of this office have fallen on Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton, who is making a worthy successor to Bro. Mason.

Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

This lodge has not made much progress during the past year, but what few additions were made to its ranks were of the right stamp and the lodge is hopeful for the future. It had zealous and painstaking officers last year and the selection this year will, I am sure, prove creditable to the lodge. The work is carefully done and the books neatly and well kept.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. DAVIDSON,

D.D.G.M. No. Three or Portage la Prairie District.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT No. 3.

NAMES.	MEMBERSHIP.				Degrees Conferred up to 27 Dec. 1889.			FINANCES.										Degrees Conferred since 27 Dec. 1889.		
NAMES OF LODGES.	No. of Lodge.	No. Members on Roll, 27 Dec. '89	No. Regular Meetings.	No. Emergent Meetings.	E. A	F. C.	M. M.	Yearly Rent of Hall.		Value of Lodge Furniture.		Amount of Insurance.		Funds on Hand on 27 Dec. 1889.		Am't of dues uncollect'd Dec. 27 '89		No. of Members 1 year in arrears on 27 Dec. '89.	No. of Members 1 year in arrears now.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.
								$	c.	$	c.	$	c.	$	c.	$	c.					
Assiniboine	7	94	14	17	10	9	8	125	00	600	00	380	00	391	33	110	55	1	1	3	3	2
Gladstone	11	35	13	2	—	—	—	12	00	400	00	300	00	11	62	21	00	4	4	1	1	—
Neepawa	24	26	13	3	4	5	5	125	00	125	00	—	—	—	—	59	90	8	8	—	—	—

No. 4—Minnedosa District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Number Four or Minnedosa District.

I am pleased to report that Masonry has been steadily progressing in this district since the last meeting of Grand Lodge and is now in a very satisfactory condition.

On the 7th September, 1889, with Bro. G.W.R. Almon, the genial Secretary of Prince of Wales Lodge, I accompanied the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to Birtle, where the craft attended divine worship in a body on the following day, Sunday, and listened with marked attention to a very eloquent and most instructive sermon delivered by our Grand Master, after which we returned to the lodge room, when the Most Worshipful favored us with an excellent address on Masonry.

I regret to state that owing to the irregular train service on the M.&N.W. Railway I was unable to visit the lodges in this district officially until a late date, as the train reached Birtle and Rapid City too late to enable me to visit the lodges on the evening of my arrival.

Birtle Lodge No. 39.

I had the pleasure of paying this lodge an official visit on the 6th day of May, and am pleased to report that under the skilful guidance of W.·. Bro. S.C. Dinsmore and officers, the work is being well done and the attendance of the brethren fairly good.

The lodge is in a very good financial position, and the books are neatly and well kept. The increase in membership has not been so large as last year, and I strongly urged the brethren not to allow this fact to induce them to lose sight of their duty in the judicious use of the ballot should unworthy or doubtful material present itself.

Corinthian Lodge No. 15.

I attended officially an emergent meeting called by the Worshipful Master at my request on May 20th, and beg to report that this lodge is in first class working order. At the request of some of the brethren I deferred my visit to this lodge until they could get their hall completed, which I am pleased to say has now been done, and the brethren meet in a hall of their own, the appointments of which are as perfect as could be wished for and reflect great credit on the brethren for their enterprise in this respect. This, however, will be readily understood when we remember that the affairs of the lodge are under the management of such brethren as Worshipful Bros. James A. Ovas, James Rogerson, George L. Stone, Alfred Carss and many other equally enthusiastic Masons. The books of the lodge are properly and well kept by the efficient Secretary, W.·. Bro. George L. Stone, and are certainly the model set of books in this district, the lodge having

procured a full and complete set through the Grand Secretary. The meetings are fairly well attended and the finances of the lodge in good shape.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE NO. 14.

This being my own lodge I have not visited officially, but think I can safely say that I have attended every meeting, regular and emergent, during the past year, and am pleased to report that the utmost harmony and fraternal feeling has prevailed among the brethren. During the present year we have lost some very active members, they having moved out of our district, but this loss has been made up by joining members so that our membership roll stands much the same as last year.

The books of the lodge have been faithfully and well kept by the secretary, Bro. G. W. R. Almon, who, I regret to say, has recently removed to Winnipeg, and W.·. Bro. J. F. Boyd has kindly taken charge of the position for the balance of the year.

The finances of the lodge have been steadily improving for the past few years and are now in a very satisfactory condition.

The Worshipful Master and officers hold regular practice meetings, and I think I may say that the work is being done second to none in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. We are now asking for tenders for the construction of a good stone building which, when completed, will afford ample and convenient accommodation for our meetings as well as prove a source of revenue to the lodge. We were honored by a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at an emergent meeting on the evening of April 29th, and the eloquent address and good sound advice given by the Most Worshipful brother on this occasion will long be remembered by those of us who were fortunate enough to be present. We spent a pleasant, and to us, a profitable evening, and the brethren were unanimous in declaring him the right man in the right place.

On the following day, Sunday, accompanied by a number of the brethren from Corinthian Lodge No. 15, we attended divine service when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master delivered a stirring and most impressive sermon on Masonry to a large and appreciative congregation.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. CUDDY,
D. D. G. M. No. Four or Minnedosa District

No. 5.—Brandon District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I herewith beg to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of No. 5 or Brandon District.

LEBANON LODGE U. D.

The dispensation to institute this Lodge was sent to R.·. W.·. Bro. Burns, of Brandon, but for some cause the time was postponed until his term of office expired. Not having set the time myself I only received notice of the date fixed four

hours before the train left so I had to wire R.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander Burns, requesting him to institute that Lodge, which I afterwards learned was done.

I visited this lodge on April 1st, 1890. I was much surprised at the rapid growth of this lodge, although not over one year in existence it stands better than many older lodges. The officers are all well up in their work. The third degree was conferred by W.·. Bro. Dunlop, Past Master, in a very able manner. With such men as he at the helm it will be a wonder if Masonry in Virden does not flourish.

Oak Lake Lodge U. D.

I received instructions and the necessary dispensation to institute a lodge at Oak Lake. I went to that place on the 17th day of May, 1889, accompanied by R.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander Burns and several members of Brandon Lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting a number of well skilled brethren and instituting them into a lodge to be known as Oak Lake Lodge. We had several visitors from Glenwood and Lebanon Lodges, and after the lodge closed we were entertained in a most hospitable manner by the members of Oak Lake Lodge.

I visited this lodge on April 3rd, 1890, and found them making slow but steady progress. Sickness prevented their W. M. from being present and there was no work on hand. This lodge will have some difficulty for a while owing to the distance of some of the members from lodge. I find, however, they only missed one meeting and that on the night of a blizzard, which speaks well for a lodge with twelve members and the principal officers being eight, fifteen and twenty-two miles respectvely from the lodge. I think they are possessed of pioneer pluck and I look forward to a bright future for Oak Lake Lodge.

Brandon Lodge No. 19.

I visited this lodge twice. Officially on the 11th of February 1890, I found the brethren comfortably situated in their new lodge room, and notwithstanding their heavy loss by fire they all appeared to be in the best of spirits. The first degree was conferred by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Dickson, and the second degree was conferred by W.·. Bro. J. M. Robinson, the present Master, in a manner that would do credit to any lodge. We can always look for good work at Brandon as they have a strong staff of Past Masters.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

I was most unfortunate with respect to this lodge, being unable to pay them a visit during my term. I made three attempts but always failed. My first letter to them was returned from the dead letter office after two months. I afterwards arranged to visit them when at Oak Lake, but the break up of the roads prevented me, and sickness in my family prevented my last chance on May 30th, 1890. I am unable to say anything about the state of the above lodge as I never received notice of meeting during my term.

CARBERRY LODGE NO. 29.

I attended this lodge at nearly all its meetings. I installed their officers on the 27th of December 1889. I made my official visit on February 4th, 1890. Owing to a stormy night and the most of the members being in the country the attendance was small. There has not been a rapid growth in this lodge but the material admitted is good. They have a comfortable little lodge room and are in a good financial condition. The present W. M., Bro. Wm. Dickie, is a thorough Mason and under his management I look for good results. I witnessed the confering of the second degree on June 3rd ; it was done in a manner that would do credit to any lodge. Generally speaking Masonry in Carberry is in a sound condition.

I have had no disputes of any kind to settle and trust that my successor will be equally fortunate.

Fraternally submitted,

MICHAEL COLLINS,

D.D.G.M. District No. Five or Brandon District.

No. 6—Saskatchewan District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district.

BATTLE LODGE NO. 38.

I regret that during the past year I was unable to visit this lodge. The distance this lodge is from Prince Albert (one hundred and fifty miles), and the length of time it would take to make the journey, (eight days), was more than I could undertake.

I am reliably informed by members of this lodge that it is doing well. Knowing the W. M. well, I feel confident that under his management the lodge must advance. The lodge is again under his guidance for another year, making the fourth year of service in the East, which speaks for itself. This lodge is also in a good financial condition.

KINISTINO LODGE NO. 16.

I visited this lodge officially on the 5th of April. The secretary's books are very neatly and carefully written up and conform with the Constitution. The prospects of this lodge never looked brighter than at present. The early completion of railway communication will greatly assist and strengthen its membership. The officers are well skilled in their work, and great credit is due to the present Master for the flourishing condition of the lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

T. J. AGNEW,

D. D. G. M. Number Six or Saskatchewan District.

No. 9.—Assiniboia District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Number Nine or Assiniboia District.

Indian Head Lodge No. 33.

I visited this Lodge on March 24th, 1890, and found it working well and the officers well skilled. The W. M. gave the lecture on the Tracing Board in the first degree in full and conferred the second degree in such a way as to show that V.·. W.·. Bro. D. McIntosh was well skilled and an enthusiastic Mason. The brethren are securing a new and commodious room and are harmonious and in unity. I may also state that I found the books of the lodge well and carefully kept. There are, however, only two copies of the Constitution in the lodge.

Lodge property valued at	$100.00
Insurance	None
Total enrolment	33
Present membership	28
Cash on hand	$61.45

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 32.

I visited this lodge on March 25th, 1890, and found that the brethren have a very neat and commodious lodge room; in fact the most pleasant and cheerful room in my district. I found the work well performed by an efficient staff of officers. The W. M., Bro. Rolph Paget has been absent some time, his place being filled most satisfactorily by V.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. Sutherland, P.M. There appears to be dues accruing to a larger amount than is conducive to the successful working of a lodge, but there are only three members over one year in arrears. I found the books very creditably kept by Bro. F. S. Proctor. There is only one copy of the Constitution in the lodge.

Lodge property valued at	$208.00
Insurance	200.00
Total enrolment	22
Present membership	28

Dues are well paid up.

Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 34.

I visited this lodge on March 26th, 1890, and found the work very satisfactorily done. No Historical register has been kept but I was assured by the W. M. that the same would be secured at once and the matter arranged. Otherwise the books of the lodge are satisfactory and the dues paid up, none of the members being one year in arrears. No Constitutions on hand.

Lodge property valued at.. ....$212.25
Insurance.... .....None
Total enrolment..... 26
Present membership.....18

Wascana Lodge No. 23.

Shortly before the date of my visit (March 27th, 1890), the building occupied by the lodge was burned down but nearly all the jewels, lodge furniture, &c., were saved. From the books (as kept) I found the members terribly in arrears. I noted some who had not paid dues since 1883 while others have paid promptly. I found some members as high as $22 in arrears and a large number $10 in arrears. There is no cash book of any kind to show receipts of monies. Members have not signed the by-laws. I found a Historical Register in the Secretary's office but the names of the last 35 members who have joined have not been entered. The books are in very bad shape, and I found it almost impossible to get at the present membership. No one knows if the by-laws were ever sanctioned by the Grand Master; there is no evidence of it and they certainly are not in accordance with the Constitution.

Value of lodge property.....$300.00
Insurance..... .....None
Total enrolment-.....77
Present membership.....49

Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26.

I visited this lodge on March 28th, 1890. The work of this lodge is the Ancient York Rite, although the lodge was instituted and carried on for sometime under the Canadian work, which appeared rather peculiar to me. I found it utterly impossible to get at the total enrolment of this lodge from the register. I would make it 70 but cannot be certain. The by-laws of the lodge have never been signed by the members and have never been written in a book. The present by-laws require re-modeling. The brethren complain that they have been unable to get new by-laws sanctioned. The lodge is well supplied with Constitutions. There are ten members over one year in arrears for dues.

Value of lodge property.....$150.00
Insurance..... 100.00
Total enrolment..... 70
Present membership..... 38

Moosomin Lodge No. 35.

I visited this lodge officially on March 21st 1890. I am a member of this lodge and its secretary. Its affairs are in a flourishing condition and the officers well up in their work. Only one member one year in arrears for dues.

Value of lodge property.....$348.00
Insurance..... 100.00
Total enrolment..... 37

I may say that upon the occasion of my visits I censured severely the officers of Wascana Lodge No. 23, and Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26, for the careless and disreputable appearance of their books and accounts. I pointed out the difficulties into which they were liable to become involved and suggested that immediate steps be taken to remedy and rectify matters ere it was too late. The brethren in each case were taken by surprise as the matter had never before been brought to their notice. I believe from expressions made to me at the close of the meeting that very few of them had any idea that the business part of the lodge was in the condition which I pointed out. One and all, even those I was compelled to censure, thanked me for the visit and for pointing out, in the way I did, the errors into which they had fallen, and promised that proper attention would be paid to their offices in future.

The brethren of Broadview and Whitewood in my district have applied for dispensations for the formation of new lodges. I had the pleasure of instituting Wapananung Lodge at Broadview on April 21st, 1890, and from the skill shown by the officers and the zeal manifested by the brethren I have no doubt that this will soon become a prosperous lodge. The brethren at Whitewood are not so well skilled, in fact they were totally unable at first to open and close the lodge, but they are now in a position to be instituted and my absence from home alone prevented it. I trust that the dispensation will be issued at once.

In conclusion I thank the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the honor conferred in electing me to the responsible office of D. D. G. M., and I can assure its members that I have to the best of my ability, endeavored to perform the duties satisfactorily and conscientiously. I believe I was the first officer to visit all the lodges in the Assiniboia District. The state in which the books of some of the lodges were found shows the necessity for such an officer and also the necessity of regular visitations.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN HEWGILL,
D.D.G.M. Number Nine or Assiniboia District.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. John H. Bell (5), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), the Reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date showing:

Balance on hand January 15th, 1889	$ 334 70
Received from Grand Secretary	2578 12
Total	$2912 82
Warrants paid, Nos. 302 to 344 inclusive	1492 47
Balance on hand at this date	$1420 35

DEBITS.

1889.	
January 15, To Balance	$ 334 70
April 12, Cash, Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	546 70
July 31 " " "	497 20
Sept. 10 " " "	533 02
1890.	
January 15, " " "	1001 20
Total	$2912 82

CREDITS.

Date.			Warrant No.	
March 2, 1889,	By Cash,	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary,	302	$ 24 76
"	" "	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary,	303	35 00
"	" "	The Copp Clark Co., Toronto,	304	82 25
"	" "	Richard Cotter,	305	4 00
"	" "	John McBride, Grand Tyler,	306	15 00
"	" "	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary,	307	100 00
" 18	" "	H. Newell,	308	3 00
"	" "	James A Payne,	309	25 00
April 12	" "	James E. Steen,	310	201 50
" 29	" "	W. G. Scott. Grand Secretary,	311	28 60
"	" "	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer,	312	114 00
May 17	" "	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary,	313	150 00
June 1	" "	Alex. Taylor,	314	5 15
"	" "	Thos. W. Taylor,	315	7 75
"	" "	George C. Mortimore,	316	8 30
"	" "	James E. Steen,	317	11 25
"	" "	W. G. Bell,	318	16 00

Date.				Warrant No.	
June 1,	1889,	by Cash,	McIntyre Bros.....	319	$ 24 25
"	"	"	Ferguson & Co., ...	320	2 10
Aug. 3	"	"	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer,...	321	34 00
"	"	"	Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.,	322	50 00
"	"	"	The Copp Clark Co.,.....	323	6 25
"	"	"	Ferguson & Co., ...	324	2 95
"	"	"	G. W. Girdlestone, ...	325	6 50
"	"	"	H. Buckle, Sons & Co., ...	326	74 50
"	"	"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, ...	327	21 91
"	"	"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, ...	328	3 00
"	"	"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, ...	329	150 00
"	"	"	King Solomon Lodge No. 8, ...	330	10 00
"	"	"	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer,...	331	10 00
Nov. 13	"	"	Masonic Room Committee, ...	332	2 00
"	"	"	Ferguson & Co.,.....	333	2 80
"	"	"	Sun Printing & Publishing Co., ...	334	4 50
"	"	"	Queen's Hotel, ...	335	5 00
"	"	"	Western Canada Loan & Savings Co...	336	25 00
"	"	"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, ...	337	16 15
"	"	"	H. Buckle, Sons & Co.,.....	338	14 50
"	"	"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary,.....	339	9 00
"	"	"	London Guarantee & Accident Co.,...	340	9 00
"	"	"	Connell & Burke,.....	341	8 00
"	"	"	Manitoba Free Press, ...	342	6 00
"	"	"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, ...	343	150 00
Dec. 5	"	"	London Guarantee & Accident Co.,.	344	13 50
					$1492 47

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,

Grand Treasurer.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson(7), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

I herewith submit a summarized report of the official transactions of this office from February 12th, 1889, to June 10th, 1890, also statements of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending January 15th, 1890, and tables giving a synopsis of the work done by the lodges in this jurisdiction between December 27th, 1888, and December 27th, 1889.

Lodges Constituted.

Soon after the close of our last Annual Communication warrants were issued as authorized by Grand Lodge to the following new lodges:—

North Star Lodge No. 41 ..... Lethbridge, Alberta.
Cascade Lodge No. 42 ..... Anthracite, Alberta.

These lodges were constituted by the District Deputy Grand Master of Alberta District.

New Lodges.

Dispensations for the formation of four new lodges were issued from this office by direction of the Grand Master. The dates of dispensations, names, locations, lists of principal officers and number of charter members are furnished herewith:

January, 25, 1889.—Lebanon Lodge, Virden, Manitoba. Number of charter members, 13. Bro. Robert Adamson, W. M.; Bro. Richard Bellamy, S.W.; Bro. Russell H. Read, J. W.

March 18, 1889.—Oak Lake Lodge, Oak Lake, Manitoba. Number of charter members, 10. Bro. William Shaw, W. M.; Bro. Samuel English, S. W.: Bro. William J. Helliwell, J. W.

March 15, 1890.—Spitzie Lodge, Pincher Creek, Alberta. Number of charter members, 7. Bro. John Herron, W. M.; Bro. Edwin W. Wilmot, S. W.; Bro. Andrew Christie, J. W.

March 15, 1890.—Wapananung Lodge, Broadview, Assiniboia. Number of charter members, 8. Bro. Nathaniel M. W. J. McKenzie, W. M.; Bro. Jesse K. Stevenson, S. W.; Bro. James A. Sutherland, J. W.

The petitions for dispensations, the certificates of standing of the petitioners, the recommendations of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the nearest lodges, the minute books and returned dispensations have been referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D. The petitions of the brethren of the two first

named lodges praying to be enrolled among the lodges of this jurisdiction are now submitted and both appear to merit favorable consideration.

Spitzie Lodge and Wapanaung Lodge not having worked four months under dispensation as required by section 168 of the Constitution, the dispensations will no doubt be renewed for another year.

A petition has been received signed by eight brethren residing at Whitewood, Assiniboia, praying for a dispensation to form a lodge at that place. As the District Deputy Grand Master of Assiniboia District has not issued the necessary certificate that the brethren nominated as officers "are qualified to confer the three degrees of Craft Masonry," the prayer of the petition has not been granted.

Suspended Lodges.

The charters of the following lodges have been suspended :

Oakland Lodge No. 9 ....Carman, Manitoba.
Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18.....Tangier, Morocco.

Consolidated.

Marquette Lodge No. 21, at Portage la Prairie, has united with Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, in the same town.

Charters Surrendered.

Soon after the close of our last Annual Communication the charter and books of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17 were received at this office. The approval of Grand Lodge is only necessary to complete the act of surrender.

At a regular meeting of Hiram Lodge No. 5, held April 4th, 1890, it was decided by the necessary three-fourths vote of the members present to surrender the charter, the surrender to take effect at the close of this Communication of Grand Lodge.

Pembina Lodge No. 20.

At our last Annual Communication the charter of Pembina Lodge No. 20, at Pilot Mound, was arrested for the period of one year or until arrangements satisfactory to the Board of General Purposes should be made. As no effort on the part of the brethren of this lodge has been made to resume work, the attention of Grand Lodge is called to its apparently hopeless condition.

Grand Representatives

Near other Grand Lodges.

By order of the Grand Master commissions have been issued from this office to the following brethren to represent this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges :—

Arizona—W.·. Bro. Alexander Gibson Oliver, Prescott, June 22, 1889, vice W.·. Bro. Abraham Marx, removed from jurisdiction.

Dakota—R.·. W.·. Bro. Willie T. Potter, Lead City, South Dakota, March 15th, 1890, vice, W.·. Bro. Samuel Roy, removed from jurisdiction.

Scotland—W.·. Bro. James Melville, Edinburgh, 30th October, 1889, vice W.·. Bro. James Cranston, resigned.

United Grand Lodge of New South Wales——V.·. W.·. Bro. William Henry Tulloh, October 30, 1889, vice W.·. Bro. Alfred Burne, resigned.

Near this Grand Lodge.

The following brethren upon nomination of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master has been commissioned to represent other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :—

Dakota—W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman, Portage la Prairie, February 22nd, 1890, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood, term of office expired.

Indian Territory—V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, Winnipeg, June 26th, 1889, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. James M. McGregor, removed from jurisdiction.

Iowa—R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Arthur William Goulding, Stony Mountain, February 24th, 1890, vice M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark, term of office expired.

Illinois—V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Winnipeg, January 1st, 1889, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel L. Bedson, term of office expired.

Louisiana—W.·. Bro. James Johnson White, Winnipeg, June 17th, 1889, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Sanford A. Cornell, deceased.

Nevada—R.·. W.·. Bro. John Colwell, Brandon, March 7th, 1890, vice W.·. Bro. William McDonald, term of office expired.

Nova Scotia—M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Winnipeg, April 20th, 1889, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. David B. Murray, removed from jurisdiction.

Prince Edward Island—W.·. Bro. John J. Jackson, Winnipeg, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Elias G. Conklin.

United Grand Lodge of New South Wales—W.·. Bro. Daniel H. McMillan, Winnipeg, 24th June, 1889.

Virginia—R.·. W.·. Bro. William F. Ellis, Manitou, June 20th, 1889, vice V.·. W.·. Bro. William R. Black.

INDEX TO GRAND LODGE REGISTERS.

In November last the Committee on Finance, at my suggestion, ordered from The Office Specialty Co., Toronto, Ontario, an Index Book, with a capacity of 20,000 names, at a cost of $40. The want of such an index has long been felt and its value cannot be estimated by any money standard. The work of entering 3,400 names has been completed and the book is now submitted for inspection.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I am pleased to state that the returns of all lodges have been received and all arrears and dues have been paid in full—a statement not chronic in this jurisdiction. The percentage of correct returns is much greater than in previous years, the returns of the following lodges having been found correct :—Nos. 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 15, 16, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and the two lodges working U. D.

In previous reports I have called the attention of Grand Lodge to the negligence of our lodges in forwarding the half-yearly returns. Committees have from time to time pointed out the necessity of a prompt compliance with the law in this respect, and during the past year the Grand Master issued an edict to the lodges requiring the returns to be forwarded to this office within the time prescribed by our Constitution, but without the desired effect. In the absence from the jurisdiction of the Grand Master, a notice was issued by direction of the Deputy Grand Master to all the delinquent lodges that their warrants would be suspended unless the returns were at once forwarded. Subsequently all were received except those of Oakland Lodge No. 9 and Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, the charters of which have since been suspended.

Section 70 of the Constitution requires the Grand Secretary to report at each Annual Communication all lodges neglecting or refusing to comply with any provisions of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge. The following are the lodges that have neglected to comply with the law regarding returns :— Nos. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 23, 27, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 41.

It is now the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to see that the returns of lodges are regularly forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office with all fees and dues that may accrue. This important subject will no doubt be fully dealt with in the reports of these officials as they have full power to secure conformity with our laws.

The State of the Craft.

The record of work done as shown by the returns received may be regarded as satisfactory, considering that the past year has been one of exceptional commercial depression. The accompanying statistical tables show that there has been no marked increase in our membership during the past year. The causes that have contributed to produce this result are (1) the suspension and surrender of the charters of three lodges ; (2) the unusually large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues necessitated by the recent change in our laws. These suspensions indicate that the active members have become tired of paying for, and assuming the responsibilities of inactive and non-paying members.

The following synopsis of the Returns of Lodges will be found absolutely correct, every possible care having been taken to prevent anything like an overestimate of facts in regard to our membership:

Number of members reported December 27th, 1888			1710
Less members reported from two and more lodges			22
			1688
Initiated		175	
Passed	168		
Raised	165		
Joined		162	
Re-instated		24	361
			2049

Dimitted		127	
Suspended U.-M.C.		4	
Suspended N.P.D.		87	
Members of extinct and suspended lodges		119	
Died		23	
Rejected	37		360
Actual membership December 27th, 1889			1689

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10),the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary In Account Current With Grand Lodge.

Monies received from the 16th day of January, 1889, to the 15th day of January, 1890.

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$111 00	27.	Glenwood	25 65
2.	Lisgar	84 80	28.	Bow River	129 42
3.	Ancient Landmark	128 55	29.	Carberry	29 45
4.	St. John's	89 95	30.	Manitou	41 75
5.	Hiram	27 65	31.	Medicine Hat	68 00
6.	Emerson	35 00	32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	51 85
7.	Assiniboine	109 25	33.	Indian Head	42 95
8.	King Solomon	61 90	34.	Qu'Appelle	49 42
9.	Oakland	1 00	35.	Moosomin	52 00
10.	Northern Light	49 40	36.	Doric	47 25
11.	Gladstone	20 50	37.	Alberta	70 40
12.	Stonewall	43 60	38.	Battle	21 50
13.	Belmont	67 25	39.	Birtle	66 75
14.	Prince of Wales	26 65	40.	Deloraine	56 00
15.	Corinthian	45 30	41.	North Star	129 00
16.	Kinistino	51 28	42.	Cascade	169 60
18.	Al Mogreb Al Aksa	70 25	U.D.	Lebanon	49 60
19.	Brandon	118 65	U.D.	Oak Lake	37 10
20.	Pembina	15		Constitutions	2 60
21.	Marquette	53 90		Certificates	3 00
23.	Wascana	94 25		P.M. Certificates	1 00
24.	Neepawa	38 10			
25.	Ionic	41 05			$2,578 12
26.	Moose Jaw	64 40			

Distribution of Receipts.

Loss and Gain	$ 40	Certificates, L.M.	4 50
Library	7 80	Life Members' Fees	30 00
Arrears	251 06	Constitutions	100 65
Blank Books and Forms	109 38	Warrants	85 00
Initiations	446 00	Dispensations	99 00
Dues	944 53	Overpaid by Lodges	11 40
Certificates, M.M.	437 00		
Certificates, P.M.	52 00		$2,578 12

Cash Statement.

Moneys rceeived by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer from 16th January, 1889 to 15th January, 1890.

DR.		CR.	
1890.		1889.	
January 15. To Receipts..	$2578 12	April 12. By Grand Treasurer	$546 70
		July 31. do do	497 20
		Sept. 10. do do	533 02
		1890.	
		January 15 do do	28 00
		do do	805 03
		do do	152 95
		do do	15 22
	$2578 12		$2578 12

Yearly Statement.

JANUARY 15TH, 1890.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$ 25 00
Warrants	89 00
Oakland Lodge No. 9	40
Life Members' Fees	30 00
Dues	988 38
Blank Books and Forms	73 70
Initiations	446 00
Past Masters' Certificates	38 96
Life Members' Certificates	2 50
Grand Lodge Certificates	365 67

LOSSES.

Postage	$ 71 45	
Fixtures	39 18	
Printing and Advertising	320 50	
Books and Stationery	118 75	
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17	26 00	
Pembina Lodge No. 20	31 35	
Expense	110 30	
Rent	100 00	
Salaries	583 33	
Regalia	9 20	
Telegrams	7 55	
Library Fixtures	5 00	
Insurance	14 75	
Constitutions	109 70	
Net Gain, January 15th, 1890	512 55	
	$2,059 61	$2,059 61

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M. :

I have the honor to submit my fourth annual report as Librarian of the Grand Lodge.

The following special donations have been made to the Library during the past year :

From M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, Winnipeg, The Annals of Lodge of Union No. 256 G. R. of England, from A. D. 1785 to A. D. 1885. 1 vol.

From Bro. C. E. Gillett, Oakland, California, "Rhebold's History of Freemasonry." Latest edition. 1 vol.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, from June 27th, A.D. 1791 to June 19th, A.D. 1820. 1 vol.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder, Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Knight Templars of the United States at its Triennial Conclave held at Washington, A. D. 1889. 1 vol.

From the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Kentucky, Vermont and Virginia, bound copies of the Proceedings of their Grand Lodges for 1889.

From the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, Nebraska and Quebec, Proceedings for A.D. 1889.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, for A.D. 1889. 1 vol.

From W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg, twenty constitutions and Masonic pamphlets.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. E. M. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, a copy of the Proceedings of the Jubilee Celebration to commemorate the freedom of the Craft of that State from debt (1 vol.) and a handsome jubilee medal.

From V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, copies of City Reports.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, a medal commemorative of the laying of the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Library Building. This was received prior to the date of my last report but I inadvertently omitted to include it in the list of donations.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. L. L. Munn, Grand Secretary, a medal commemorative of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

From V.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe, Winnipeg, clock for Reading Room.

From Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, Winnipeg, mounted map for Reading Room.

From V.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, the London Free Mason for A.D. 1889.

The following books have been acquired by purchase.

History.

History of France, by M. Guizot	8 vols.
History of the English People, by John R. Green	4 "
Ancient History, by Charles Rollin	4 "
Invasion of the Crimea, by Alexander W. Kinglake	6 "
The complete works of Francis Parkman	8 "

Fiction.

Charles Dickens' complete works	15 vols.
Sir Walter Scott's " "	24 "
Charles Reade's " "	20 "
George Eliot's " "	8 "
George McDonald's " "	22 "
Lord Lytton's " "	28 "

Travels, Adventure, etc.

Arctic Researches, by Charles F. Hall	1 vol.
Malay Archipelago, by Alfred R. Wallace	1 "
The Land and the Book, by M. W. Thomson, D. D	1 "
The Cruise of the Challenger	1 "
Stories of the Gorilla Country, by Paul Du Chaillu	1 "
The Land of the Midnight Sun " "	2 "
Wild Life under the Equator " "	1 "

General Literature.

Self Help, by Dr. Samuel Smiles	1 vol.
Character " "	1 "
Duty " "	1 "
Thrift " "	1 "
At Last, by Charles Kingsley	1 "

The sum of one hundred dollars, voted by Grand Lodge at its last session, has not been expended, but a supply of books aggregating this amount has been ordered.

The library is open for the delivery of books on Wednesdays from 8 to 9 o'clock p. m., and on Saturdays from 3 to 4 o'clock p. m.

The Reading Room.

I am pleased to report an increased attendance at the Reading Room which shows that the liberality of the Winnipeg lodges, in supporting this valuable adjunct to the Library, is being appreciated. The room is open from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m. The leading newspapers of Canada and the best periodical literature of England and the United States will be found on the tables.

Our thanks are due to the publishers of the following papers and periodicals for their respective publications supplied free of charge:

"The Manitoba Daily Free Press."
"The Winnipeg Daily Tribune."
"The Ottawa Daily Citizen."
"The Evening Telegram," Toronto.
"The Qu'Appelle Progress."
"The Portage la Prairie Liberal."
"The Tribune-Review," Portage la Prairie.
"The Perth (Ontario) Courier."
"The Winnipeg Siftings."
"The Northwest Farmer."
"The Commercial," Winnipeg.
"The Western World," Winnipeg.
"The Colonist," Winnipeg.

And the following Masonic publications:

"The Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Illinois.
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
"The Canadian Craftsman," Toronto, Ont.
"The Master Mason," Minneapolis, Minn.
"The Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.
"The Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
"The Masonic Chronicle," New York.
"The Freemason," Sydney, New South Wales.
"The Victorian Freemason," Melbourne, Victoria.
"The South Australian Freemason," Adelaide, South Australia.
"The South African Freemason," East London, Cape Colony.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4), seconded by W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), the report of the Librarian was referred to the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows : At the meeting held for organization at the close of the last session of Grand Lodge, on February 14th, 1889, R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris was elected President, and V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Vice-President. At the same meeting members of of the Board were selected to serve upon the various standing committees.

The first business claiming the attention of the Board was the Oakland Lodge difficulty. The officers were summoned to appear and produce the warrant, books, &c., for examination and investigation. On August 1st, 1889, after an examination of several members of the lodge, a resolution was adopted in effect sustaining and confirming the action of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the previous year as reported by that committee to Grand Lodge. The charter of said Oakland Lodge No. 9 has since been arrested by the Grand Master and this action approved by the Board at a meeting held on June 4th, 1890.

Your Board recommends for approval the voluntary surrender of the charter of Hiram Lodge No. 5, and Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17. It would also recommend that the action of the Grand Master in suspending the charter of Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge No. 18, be approved and confirmed.

The complaints from Battle Lodge No. 38, were fully considered by the Board and the decision given by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master in reference thereto endorsed and confirmed.

The Grand Lodge at its last session referred, for the careful consideration of the Board, the question of the necessity for conferring upon a Master elect the degree of Past Master and requesting a report from the Board on this subject. The result of the consideration of this question is set forth in the following resolution :—That this Board recommends,

That Section 245 of the Constitution be amended by adding after the word " performed " in the 8th line thereof the following, " which may be as contained in pages 124, 125, 126 and 127 of the Constitution, and such ceremony shall invest the W. Master elect with all the rights and privileges of an installed Master in this jurisdiction without taking any further or other degrees until time and circumstances are favorable to the conferring of same.

In consideration of the number of lodges visited by the M.·. W.·. G and Master and the extra expense thereby incurred, your Board would recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be given him as a reimbursement.

The several committees will present their reports to Grand Lodge upon the various matters that have claimed and received their attention since the close of our last Annual Communication.

From an experience extending over the past two years, since the adoption by Grand Lodge of the present Constitution, many of the members of the Board have come to the conclusion that the Board of General Purposes is an unnecessary auxiliary to Grand Lodge, and that all questions which in any way come before the Board could be dealt with completely and quite as well by the different committees without reference to the Board. This question will, however, be dealt with at the present session of Grand Lodge and will, no doubt, receive that careful consideration which its importance demands.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. HARRIS.

President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M. :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence herewith submits its annual report :—

On February 14th, 1889, a meeting was held at which M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson was elected chairman.

The following lodges submitted new codes of by-laws and amendments to old codes, in order to conform to the present Constitution, which were approved :

Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
St. John's Lodge No. 4.
Emerson Lodge No. 6.
Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
Northern Light Lodge No. 10.
Belmont Lodge No. 13.
Kinistino Lodge No. 16.
Wascana Lodge No. 23.
Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26.
Indian Head Lodge No. 33.
Moosomin Lodge No. 35.
Battle Lodge No. 38.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. David Keefe against the decision of Cascade Lodge No. 42, which expelled him, your Committee finds that the charge in the case is a very serious one, but the evidence against him was of a character that fully justified the finding of the lodge. We therefore recommend that the action of the lodge be confirmed and that Bro. David Keefe be expelled for un-Masonic conduct.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the differences between the members of Battle Lodge No. 38 have been amicably settled through the mediation of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas J. Agnew, D. D. G. M. of No. 6, or Saskatchewan District.

Your Committee has examined the proposed amendments to the Constitution and find that all are in accordance with constitutional law, and would specially recommend the adoption of the amendment of which notice has been given by R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, and which reads as follows :—"That section 47 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following sub-section :—To examine all by-laws of subordinate lodges and approve same if found correct. When approved they shall have full force and effect."

Fraternally submitted,

ALFRED PEARSON,
Chairman Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion of M.·· W.·. Bro. A. Pearson (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. John W. Harris (4), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Committee on the State of Masonry herewith presents it annual report :

The reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters of District Nos. 1, 4 and 6 have been submitted for the consideration of your Committee and have received careful attention.

With the single exception of one lodge (Hiram No. 5) all those to which reference is made in the reports received as above from the D. D. G. M's are in a flourishing condition and full of the vital spirit that we should most desire to find

existing. In several cases lodges reported last year as being weak and in a more or less disorganized state, are now in line with our most active working bodies, notably in the cases of Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Stonewall Lodge No. 12 and Ionic Lodge No. 25.

That harmony exists in the above districts is apparent from the fact that no decisions were asked for from the D. D. G. M's. The reports also show that meetings are well attended both by members and visitors.

Your Committee is pleased to learn that a movement has been made in the direction of social meetings and gatherings for general instruction in the history, literature and philosophy of the Craft.

As the Constitution provides for the holding of lodges of instruction, your Committee cannot recommend the establishment of a lodge of Past Masters, as suggested by the D. D. G. M. of Winnipeg District.

Your Committee regrets to state that only two D. D. G. M's reports were in the hands of the Grand Secretary at the date required by our Constitution, and at the present time no report has been received from the D. D. G. M. of No. 7 or Alberta District. If these officers are so remiss in the performance of their duties their example must necessarily exercise a pernicious influence on the officers of subordinate lodges. Your Committee would therefore recommend that a vote of censure be passed on all D. D. G. M's who have failed to submit a report as required by our Constitution, except in cases when illness or absence from the jurisdiction prevented.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that several lodges are contributing to public charitable institutions.

Your Committee recommends that the District Deputy Grand Masters be instructed to procure and forward to the Grand Master with their reports the statistical information called for by the following form :—

Returns to be filled up by the W. M. of each lodge for information of the D. D. G. M., showing the standing of the lodge for the year ending 15th May.

1 No. of Lodge.
2 Name of Lodge.
3 Location.
4 Membership.
  a Total number of members.
  b Increase during year.
  c Decrease during year.
5 Degrees conferred.
  a E. A.
  b F. C.
  c M. M.
6 Affiliations.
7 Restorations.

8 Resignations.
9 Suspensions N. P. D.
10 Suspensions for other causes.
11 Died.
12 Meetings held.
a Regular.
b Emergent.
c Total.
13 Average attendance of members.
14 Amount paid for relief.
15 Number of members over 12 months in arrears.
16 Total arrears of dues.
17 Date when Grand Lodge returns were sent in.
18 State of Lodge financially.
19 Prospects of Lodge.
20 Can W. M. work all Degrees?
21 Insurance in force.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. H. WILSON,
Chairman Committee on State of Masonry.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson (7), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a Special Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M. :

Your Committee to whom was referred the papers and documents emanating from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, beg to report that in view of the happy union of the lodges working under Warrants from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, the following resolutions are offered and their adoption recommended :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba learns with pleasure of the formationof the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and recognizes her as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That fraternal intercourse and an exchange of Representatives be established between the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The political division of Dakota into two sovereign States was followed by the organization of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The separation of the two Grand Lodges was consummated at a meeting held at Mitchell, June 12, 1889, when the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed. In view of the foregoing circumstances your committee offers the following resolutions and recommends their adoption :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Annual Communication assembled, recognizes the Grand Lodge of North Dakota as a sovereign and independent jurisdiction for the State of North Dakota.

Resolved, That we tender to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota a hearty and fraternal greeting and that fraternal relations and an exchange of Representatives be established between the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Special Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. William J. Ptolemy, Chairman of Committee on Finance, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Finance herewith submits its annual report.

The books, vouchers, &c., of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary have been examined and the same found correct. During the fiscal year ending January 15, 1890, the sum of $2,578.12 had been received and the sum of $1,492.47 expended. On that date the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounted to $1,420.35.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. PTOLEMY,
Chairman Committee on Finance.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy (4), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, from the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity herewith submits it annual report.

No matters requiring the action of Grand Lodge have been presented to the Committee during the past year. One application for relief has been received but no action on same has yet been taken owing to the absence from the Province of a majority of the committee. In order that special cases of relief may be provided for, the adoption of the following resolution is recommended :—

Resolved, That the amount at the credit of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, for purposes of benevolence, be deposited in a special account in some chartered bank in the City of Winnipeg, as soon as the finances of Grand Lodge will permit.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. McMILLAN,

Chairman Committee on Benevolence and Charity.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson from the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address presented the following report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M. :

Your committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address beg to report as follows :

Your committee has read with sincere pleasure the able address of the Grand Master, bearing testimony to the continued prosperity of our order and to the fact that Masonry is doing a good work in the development of this new country. The salient features of Masonry are well enunciated, and we commend the same to the earnest perusal of all the members of this jurisdiction.

Your committee notes with pride the immense amount of useful work done by the Grand Master, as evidenced by the many dispensations, decisions and frequent official visits to different lodges. They beg to congratulate him on his zeal and interest in paying these official visits. They observe with great pleasure the cordial reception he personally received wherever he went, and have the satisfaction of bearing testimony to the high appreciation which his efforts to extend the benign influence of Masonry, both by his presence and able lectures, have gained from all the members of his jurisdiction.

The decision of the Grand Master respecting the physical qualification of a candidate for Masonry is we believe in accordance with our landmarks, and one in keeping with the view that this Grand Lodge takes on the subject of physical qualifications. We think that the test of physical qualification should not be the fact of being maimed or possessed of any particular defect. A candidate should certainly have no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art and serving his Master,—a definition which is equally appropriate to the wants of operative as well as speculative Masonry. So long as every candidate is able to literally comply with all our ceremonies and make himself known as a Mason and in turn instruct others, we think that he should not be denied the privileges of the order.

In connection with the ruling of the Grand Master in respect of Battle Lodge No. 38, the Board of General Purposes has already expressed an opinion, and therefore your committee does not presume to touch upon the question.

It is a matter of regret that the Grand Master found it necessary to resort to the extreme penalty of the law, and suspend lodges for failure to make proper returns, but your committee think that he had no other course to pursue, and feel that lodges must be given to understand that they must obey the law.

Your committee notes with great gratification that the Grand Master was asked to officiate in the laying of the corner stone of a Jewish Synagogue in the city of Winnipeg, and also that of a Methodist church at Moosomin, and rejoice to see this practical evidence of the universality of Masonry and respect which the order obtains from two religious bodies so opposite in their principles and teachings.

Your committee note the remarks of the Grand Master relative to the movement tending to the formation of a Grand Lodge of Alberta, and would venture the opinion that the lodges in that district will act in accordance with recognized Masonic law, in obtaining the necesssary sanction of this Grand Lodge, prior to taking any definite steps toward the formation of a new Grand Lodge.

The appointments of foreign representatives are recommended for approval.

We heartily concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master that the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters should be paid.

We also endorse the expression of his hope that lodges of instruction may be formed.

We also strongly support his recommendations for practical evidences of Masonic benevolence. We think that the order at the present time is under-

going the same scrutiny as religious bodies, and its usefulness will be commendable to the world at large only in proportion to the practical evidence it gives of its teachings.

Your committee notes with great thankfulness the positive opinion of the Grand Master that Masonry was never in a better condition since the inception of this grand body, and that a more generous self-sacrificing and pervading spirit of kindliness is noted in the jurisdiction at large. Practical evidence of this state of feeling is notably shewn in the amalgamation of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, and Marquette Lodge No. 21, at Portage la Prairie, each of which lodges exemplified one of the different rituals recognized by this Grand body. Your committee feel that this happy blending together is practical evidence that the time is come when the adherents of these two forms of ritual can meet together in a truly Masonic spirit with the object of evolving a uniform ritual. This would in the opinion of your committee undoubtedly tend to promote greater harmony and destroy that pernicious feeling of caste so productive of sectional feelings.

Your committee are especially pleased to receive the assurance of the Grand Master of the intelligence and excellence shown in the performance of their duties by the officers of those Lodges which he visited.

THOMAS ROBINSON,
D. J. GOGGIN,
C. N. BELL,
} Committee.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris (4), the Report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

V.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on the Grand Lodge Library has the honor to submit its annual report.

There are at present in the library over 450 volumes, which may with a fair amount of accuracy be said to belong to the following classes :—

Fiction, 125 vols.
Science, 10 vols.
History, 52 vols.
Travels, 11 "
General Literature, 41 vols.
Masonic works, 12 vols.

Making on the subjects above named a total of about 250 volumes, the balance being principally bound Grand Lodge Reports of various Masonic jurisdictions.

The Librarian informs your committee that the sum voted by Grand Lodge last year has not yet been expended, but that orders have been given for the purchase of books to the extent of the grant.

Your committee learns that a feeling exists that more works on Masonic subjects should be procured, in fact, that being a Masonic library that as many works of reference on Masonry as possible should be procured, making such works the basis of our library and when that object has been attained, then to add such other classes of books as may be deemed advisable.

Your committee also feel that it is hardly fair to impose the whole responsibility of the selection of books upon the Librarian, and would recommend that two brethren (forming with the Librarian a committee of three) be appointed either by Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes, to assist in that work.

Before closing this part of their report the committee would express their satisfaction with the excellent order in which they found the books and the way in which they are catalogued.

The Reading Room maintained in connection with the Grand Lodge Library by the city lodges, is also in good condition, being supplied with the leading magazines as well as the leading newspapers of the day, both Masonic and general news, and is becoming more popular and being made use of by brethren residing outside the city, as well as those resident within its limits, and will no doubt become more useful from year to year.

Fraternally submitted.

R. W. WOODROOFE,
JOHN LESLIE,
WM. G. BELL,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

The Grand Secretary, read the Report of V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, Grand Representstive of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M. :

The beginning of a new Masonic year, as evidenced by the installation of the officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on St. John's Day last, reminds me that a report from me as your Representative at and near the

said Grand Lodge is overdue. Of what more satisfactory character can such a report be than to say that Masonic affairs in this jurisdiction are, as they have been for so many years past that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary thereof, peaceful and prosperous.

Nearly forty thousand brethren dwell together in harmony, working the work of the Craft, and showing to the profane a community in which no contention exists except that noble contention, or rather emulation, as to who can best work and best agree.

Our subordinate lodges are in thorough harmony with the supreme authority, and the Grand Lodge is united and prosperous. The Grand Lodge officers were elected by an unanimous vote, and duly installed on December 27th last for the current Masonic year.

The finances were in such excellent shape that the refunding of the debt incurred in the erection of our Temple at a low rate of interest was authorized, cancelling at the same time the securities held by the sinking fund amounting to over $400,000. The rents to the Masonic bodies occupying the temple (it is occupied by Masonic bodies only) were ordered reduced twenty per cent. You can judge from this that we have great cause of thankfulness for the prosperity vouchsafed us.

In addition to the usual work incident to the close of one and the beginning of another Masonic year, our annual meeting was made memorable by the donation by R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer Brother Thomas R. Patton of $25,000, as the beginning of a charity fund for the relief of distressed widows and orphans of deceased Masons. The details of the management of the fund are of a character to insure permanency and growth, and for all time to come the liberality of our brother will continue to relieve the wants of the destitute.

Outside of the Masonic affairs appertaining more immediately to the Grand Lodge, the affairs of our Masonic Home are worthy of mention in this report. This institution is now five years old, has twenty inmates, and is prosperous beyond our most sanguine expectations. Organized without income or large endowment it has, during its existence, cared for thirty-two indigent and aged brethren, and has now an estate and investments amounting to $50,000.

My visit to your grand jurisdiction and attendance at the stated meeting of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, in September last, remains green, with pleasant recollections in my memory. The courtesies and hospitality shown me by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, by the Grand Secretary, and by the brethren generally, shall never be forgotten. Although your Representative for several years, you were personally unacquainted with me, but the reception tendered me in your beautiful city was another evidence that the Mason finds in every land a home and in every clime a brother.

With fraternal regards to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and with best wishes for the continued peace and prosperity of your grand jurisdiction, I remain,

Fraternally your Representative,

LOUIS WAGNER.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. A. H. Goulding (12), the Report of the Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Grand Secretary was instructed to telegraph the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge to our brethren of Dakota, Nova Scotia, Oregon and Wisconsin, in Annual Communication assembled.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Grand Secretary wired the following greetings :—

CHARLES T. MCCOY,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Dakota.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Annual Session assembled sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

HON. W. ROSS,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

S. F. CHADWICK,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Oregon.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Annual Session assembled fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

JOHN W. LAFLIN,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Fifteenth Annual Session assembled sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

The following telegrams were subsequently received :

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 12, 1890.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon in session has received your fraternal greeting. Please accept those of Oregon, hoping your session may be marked by peace, prosperity and harmony.

S. F. CHADWICK,
Grand Secretary.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, June 13, 1890.

WM, G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

Closed Grand Lodge to-day ; return fraternal greetings to you.

W. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, June, 13, 1890.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On behalf of five hundred Wisconsin Masons just closing a successful and harmonious session, I return fraternal greetings.

JOHN W. LAFLIN,
Grand Secretary.

NOTICES OF MONEY GRANTS.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution the following notices of motion were given to be introduced at the session of Grand Lodge to be held to-morrow :

By R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10)—

To defray travelling expenses, etc., of the Grand Master during his term of office,.....$150
To defray expenses incurred by Committee on Foreign Correspondence..... 30

By V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10)—

Grant in aid of furnishing the Medicine Hat Hospital $50

By R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3)—

Services of Grand Tyler ....$ 15
Printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1889-90 200

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p. m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:55 o'clock p. m., until Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 12, A.D. 1890, A. L. 5890, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from M.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb, expressing regret that he was unable to be present at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of said Committee when it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·.Bro. David J. Goggin (10),

That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

In amendment it was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson, (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, (10),

That no expense be incurred in printing the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but that said report be received and a vote of thanks accorded the Committee for its labors; and that this Grand Lodge authorizes the expenditure of the sum of fifty dollars, for the purpose of printing a report as an Appendix to the Proceedings of 1891.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried.*

The following resolution was subsequently moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. R. McCuaig (7), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. R. D Foley (30),

That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondeuce be published as an Appendix to the Proceedings of 1890, provided that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be contributed by members of this Grand Lodge to cover the expenses connected therewith.

The Grand Lodge refused to concur in this resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland from the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation beg leave to report:

1. That we have examined the books and papers of Lebanon Lodge, U. D., Virden, and Oak Lake Lodge, U. D., Oak Lake, and find that these lodges have made such progress that your committee feel warranted in recommending that they be granted charters.

2. That we have examined the papers of Spitzie Lodge, U. D., Pincher Creek, Alberta, and Wapanawung Lodge, U. D., Broadview, Assa., and recommend that these Dispensations be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. COPELAND,
GEORGE BLACK,
JAMES A. PAYNE,
} Committee.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

MONEY GRANTS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. D. J. Goggin (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars was voted to the Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, as a reimbursement for expense incurred in his official visitations.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), the following appropriations were made and their payment authorized :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, expenses incurred by Committee on Foreign Correspondence	$ 30 00
Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler	15 00
McIntyre Bros., printing proceedings (not to exceed)	200 00

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the sum of fifty dollars was voted to the Medicine Hat Hospital to aid in furnishing that institution.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:30 o'clock a.m. until 1:30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday June 12, A. D. 1890, A.L. 5890, at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R.·. W.·. Bro. L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was present at this session of the Grand Lodge and occupied a seat in the Grand East.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the Grand Master :

W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman...From the Grand Lodge of Dakota.
V.·. " " John Leslie, ...From the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
" " " Donald Hope .....From the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.
R.·. " " Rev. Arthur W. Goulding...From the Grand Lodge of Iowa.
" " James J. White.....From the Grand Lodge of Louisiana
" " Daniel H. McMillan .....From the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.
V.·. " " John Colwell..... From the Grand Lodge of Nevada.
M.·. " " Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara..From the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
R.·. " " William F. Ellis .....From the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, Chairman of Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the Report of said Committee as follows

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M. :

The Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 36 lodges on the Grand Lodge Register ; 23 lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers ; 7 lodges are represented by proxy and 6 lodges are unrepresented. There are 107 duly qualified Past Masters and Representatives having a total vote of 152. Your Committee finds the lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows :

No. 1 Prince Rupert's,	W.·.	Bro. John Henry D. Munson,	W. Master.
		Bro. Thomas Wlliam Leggo,	S. Warden.
" 2 Lisgar,	V.·. "	Bro. James G. Dagg,	W. Master.
		Bro. John James Erskine,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Lynds Smith Vaughan,	J. Warden.
" 3 Ancient Landmark,	"	Bro. William Andrew Windatt,	W. Master.
		Bro. Andrew McDiarmid,	S. Warden.
		Bro. John Chambers,	J. Warden.

No.	4	St. John's	W.·. Bro. Alexander A. Aird,	W. Master.
			Bro. James Henry Braden,	S. Warden.
			Bro. James Thompson Black,	J. Warden.
"	5	Hiram,	Bro. Angus John Munroe,	S. Warden.
"	6	Emerson,	Bro. Alfred Edward Hopkinson,	W. Master.
"	7	Assiniboine,	W.·. Bro. Arthur Ed. Jas. Durrant,	W. Master.
			Bro. Joseph Taylor,	S. Warden.
"	8	King Solomon,	Bro. James Rodman,	S. Warden.
			Bro. John Henry Milner,	J. Warden.
"	10	Northern Light, M.·. W.·.	Bro. George Black,	W. Master.
			Bro. William James Akin,	S. Warden.
			Bro. George William Baker,	J. Warden.
"	11	Gladstone,	W.·. Bro. Archibald St. C. McGregor,	W. Master.
"	12	Stonewall,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Goulding,	W. Master.
"	13	Belmont,	W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke,	W. Master.
			Bro. Henry James Pugh,	J. Warden.
"	14	Prince of Wales,	W.·. Bro. Albert Caldwell Sewell,	W. Master.
			Bro. James William Leathorne,	J. Warden.
"	15	Corinthian,	R.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas,	Proxy.
"	16	Kinistino,	M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson,	Proxy.
"	19	Brandon,	V.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph Robinson,	W. Master.
"	23	Wascana,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert Harrison Van Etten,	Proxy
"	24	Neepawa,	Bro. Charles Wesley Herrell,	J. Warden.
"	25	Ionic,	W.·. Bro. James Johnson White,	W. Master.
			Bro. Napier Herbert Jackson,	S. Warden.
"	26	Moose Jaw,	W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt,	Proxy.
"	29	Carberry,	W.·. Bro. William Dickie,	W. Master.
"	30	Manitou,	V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley,	W. Master.
"	32	Qu'Ap'elle Valley,	R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell,	Proxy.
"	33	Indian Head,	W.·. Bro. Daniel Maclean,	J. Warden.
"	35	Moosomin,	R.·. W.·. Bro. John Hewgill,	Proxy.
"	36	Doric,	W.·. Bro. James Duncan Baine,	W. Master.
"	37	Alberta,	R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
"	38	Battle,	Bro. Peter Job Williams,	S. Warden.
"	40	Deloraine,	Bro. Alexander Craigie McKay,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Charles Alexander Young,	J. Warden.
"	41	North Star,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson,	Proxy.

Fraternally submitted,

D. HOPE,

Chairman Committee on Credentials and Reception.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers : M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), John H. Bell (5), and Alfred Pearson (1), and the elections proceeded with the following result :

R.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas (15), of Rapid City, Grand Master.
" " William George Bell (3), of Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Thomas McPherson (41), of Lethbridge, Grand Senior Warden.
W.·. " Frederick Leslie Newman (7), of Portage la Prairie, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
" " William George Scott (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
V.·. W.·. " Robert White Woodroofe (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.
R.·. W.·. " Rev. Arthur William Goulding (12), of Stony Mountain, Grand Chaplain.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge Bro. John McBride (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :

V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1),of Winnipeg, Number One or Winnipeg District.
V.·. " " Byron Fraser (13), of Morden, Number Two or Emerson District.
" " Samuel Reid Marlatt (7), of Portage la Prairie, Number Three or Portage la Prairie District.
" " John Franklin Boyd, (14),of Minnedosa, Number Four or Minnedosa District.
" " John Colwell (19),of Brandon, Number Five or Brandon District.
V.·. " " George Edward Applegarth, of Battleford, Number Six or Saskatchewan District.
" " Duncan John Campbell (37),of Macleod, Number Seven or Alberta District.
" " Daniel McIntosh (33),of Indian Head, Number Nine or Assiniboia District.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing term :

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Walter Harris (4), of Winnipeg.
" " John William Henry Wilson (7), of Portage la Prairie.
" " John McKechnie (1), of Winnipeg.
" " Albert Harrison Van Etten (3), of Winnipeg.
" " David James Goggin, (10), of Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. " Donald Hope (3), of Winnipeg.
W.·. " Daniel Hunter McMillan (1), of Winnipeg.
" " James Johnson White (25), of Winnipeg.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Master-elect, announced the following appointments :

V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley (30), of Manitou, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " James Brass (26), of Moose Jaw, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William Denny Antrobus (37), of Macleod, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Robert Wilkinson, (3), of Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
W.·. " Henry Joseph Woodside(7),of Portage la Prairie,Grand Pursuivant.
" " John Highman, (36), of Boissevain, Grand Steward.
" " James Edwin Hayward (40), of Deloraine, Grand Steward.
" " Joseph Montgomery Robinson (19), of Brandon, Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. " William Sutherland (32), of Fort Qu'Appelle, Grand Steward.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6:30 o'clock p.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday evening July 12th, A. D., 1890, A. L. 5890, at 8 o'clock.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives

TEXT BOOKS FOR LODGES.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Byron M. Canniff (7), the Grand Master was authorized to appoint a committee consisting of three members of the Grand Lodge, to present at the next Annual Communication a report as to the practicability of securing one or more well acknowledged works on Masonic law and usage for each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction.

PRINTING PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Joseph Hursell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), the Grand Secretary was directed to have printed one thousand copies of the Proceedings of the Annual and Special Communications of Grand Lodge.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Joseph Hursell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), the Grand Secretary was directed to send to each lodge in the jurisdiction two copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the use of the officers and members, and one copy for each Past Master on its roll.

RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. William F. Ellis (30), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Boyd (14), the Grand Master was auth-

orized to appoint a committee to arrange for the re-distribution of the districts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and report at the next Annual Communication.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), the Grand Master was authorized to appoint a committee to re-arrange the Constitution and report at the next Annual Communication.

RESOLUTION RESCINDED.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by Bro. John Chambers (3), the resolution adopted at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in February, A. D. 1886, appointing a committee to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M.·. W.·. Bro. C. F. Forrest, was rescinded.

TESTIMONAL.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris (4), the Grand Master was authorized to appoint a committee to procure a testimonal and present it to M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. R. McCuaig (7), the following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That a vote of condolence be tendered to M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson, in the severe loss he has sustained in the death of his beloved wife, and the members of Grand Lodge tender him their warmest sympathy in his bereavement.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Co., the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Company and the Northwest Coal and Navigation Company, for the courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John F. Boyd (14), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. R. McCuaig (7), the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the various lodges of the City of Winnipeg for their kindness in placing their hall at the disposal of Grand Lodge for holding its Annual Communication.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William J. Ptolemy (4), the following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the proprietors of the various hotels of the City of Winnipeg who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Communication.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. William T. Vincent (12), seconded by W.·. Bro. Robert C. Fraser (4), the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, for the use of its regalia at the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bros. John H. Bell and Alfred Pearson.

ADDRESS.

After the ceremonies of installation had been concluded R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. L. D. Boynton delivered an interesting and instructive address to the brethren present.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:30 o'clock p. m., until Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Friday morning, June 13, A. D., 1890, A. L. 5890, at 9:30 o'clock.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with notice previously given the following resolution to amend the Constitution were presented and disposed of as follows :

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), seconded by W.·. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3):

1. Section 24 was amended by inserting the words "Grand Organist and the" after the word "the" in the fourth line, and

2. Section 47 was amended by the addition of following sub-section to be numbered 7 : "To examine all by-laws of subordinate lodges and approve same if found correct. When so approved they shall have full force and effect."

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell (1) :

Section 64 was amended by substituting the words "Grand Master" for "Grand Secretary" in the second line.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1), seconded W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1) :

1. That Section 3 of the Constitution be amended by expunging all relating to District Deputy Grand Masters.

2. That all under the heading "Powers and Duties of District Deputy Grand Masters," on page 17 of the Constitution, be amended by adding after Section 57 the following :—

a The Grand Master shall at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, if possible, or not later than one month thereafter, appoint officers whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters, and who shall rank next to the Grand Junior Warden.

b District Deputy Grand Masters must be Past Masters, resident within and members of lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

c The limits of each District shall comprise such territory or embrace as many lodges as may be designated by the Grand Master.

d The Grand Secretary shall immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master notify each of the lodges in the district of the appointment and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the lodges in his district.

e District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for one year to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be specially recommended by him for the honor, may receive by vote of Grand Lodge the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3), seconded by W.·. Bro. Joseph Hursell (1):

That the notices of motion introduced by M.·. W.·. Bro. A. Pearson, marked 1 and *a b c* and *d*, of 2, be not adopted; that *e* be adopted by the addition of the following :—"With the title of Right Worshipful, but without such vote of Grand Lodge they shall not be entitled to the rank of Right Worshipful."

The foregoing amendment reads as follows :—

"District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for one year to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be specially recommended by him for the honor, may receive by vote of Grand Lodge, the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master, with the title of 'Right Worshipful' but without such vote of Grand Lodge they shall not be entitled to the rank of 'Right Worshipful.'"

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell (1):

That the Constitution be amended by expunging all relating to the Board of General Purposes and its Committees, and that provision be made for the appointment of Special Committees to perform the duties now required to be performed by the Board of General Purposes and its Committees, and such other duties as may be defined by Grand Lodge.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3):

Section 74 was amended to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all Communications of Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, and

Section 107 was amended by striking out all relating to lodge by-laws.

8. On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson (7):

Section 131 was amended by inserting after the word "regalia" in the thirty-first line thereof the following: "nor to Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, which lodge shall be permitted to adopt the regalia as prescribed in sections 130 and 131 with the addition of the name and number of the lodge in a circle with silver letters on a sky blue ground on the fall or flap of the Apron instead of the usual rosette."

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3):

Section 214 was expunged and the following substituted therefor :—

a If within one year from the date of suspension the delinquent brother shall pay the amount due at the date of suspension, the Master shall, without a vote of the lodge, declare him re-instated, which fact shall be entered on the records and entitle him to full membership in the lodge.

b If such payment is not made within one year from the date of suspension he can only be re-instated by a majority vote of the lodge upon a petition therefor. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the lodge, and must not be acted upon before the next regular meeting thereafter, notice of such petition having been inserted in the notice calling such meeting.

c On such petition there need be no recommendation nor committee of investigation apppointed.

d If such dues are paid with a view to restoration and restoration is refused by a vote of the lodge, the money so paid shall be refunded.

e If at any time a petition for restoration is presented to the lodge accompanied by an application for a dimit the petitioner shall be restored without a vote and a dimit granted upon such petition for restoration.

f All petitions for restoration must be accompanied by amount of dues in arrears at date of suspension, or such other sum as the lodge may by resolution decide to accept.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell (1),

3. That Sections 227 and 228 be amended to read as follows :

a. When two or more lodges desire to consolidate as one they shall proceed as follows:

The question of such consolidation shall be presented in each lodge at a regular meeting thereof. The Master shall then announce that the question will be for action by the lodge at the next regular meeting. It shall then be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of the lodge in question by registered letter to his last known address the time when action will be taken thereon.

b. At the regular Communication to which the members are notified to appear, the Master shall submit the question : "Shall the lodge be consolidated as proposed?" If two-thirds of the members present vote "Yes," then the vote shall be recorded in favor of consolidation. If less than two-thirds vote "Yes," the vote shall be recorded against consolidation. The vote in such case shall be by ballot.

c. If the vote in each lodge is in favor of consolidation, and the Grand Master's approval is obtained, then such lodges are consolidated, and shall constitute but one lodge. In such case the property and effects of the several lodges become the property of the lodge as consolidated. There shall be no consolidation unless all the lodges vote therefor.

d. The name and number of the consolidated lodge shall be that of the oldest lodge consolidated.

e. Every proposition for consolidation shall state the proposed location of the lodge if consolidated.

f. The fact of the consolidation shall not constitute any particular officers the officers of the lodge as consolidated, but all the offices thereof shall be declared vacant, except that of Master of the senior lodge consolidated (considering the date of the charter), who shall be Master of the consolidated lodge until a successor shall be elected and installed.

g. In case of the consolidation of lodges the regular meetings of the lodge as consolidated, shall be at the time fixed for the regular meeting of the lodge having the oldest charter, and the consolidated lodge shall be governed by the by-laws of the oldest lodge until a new set of by-laws is adopted by the consolidated lodge.

h. In the case of the consolidation of lodges, there shall be an election for officers thereof, including that of Master, at the first regular meeting thereof, and the officers shall be installed at once, or not later than the next regular meeing. The term of such officers shall be till the next annual election as provided by law.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost.*

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3),

That Section 245 of the Constitution be amended by adding after the word "performed" in the 8th line thereof the following, "Which may be as contained in pages 124, 125, 126 and 127 of the Constitution, and such ceremony shall invest the W. Master elect with all the rights and privileges of an installed Master in this jurisdiction without taking any further or other degrees until time and circumstances are favorable to the conferring of same.

In amendment it was moved by W.·. Bro. Joseph Hursell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3),

That the amendment to 245 of the Constitution introduced by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott be adopted with the addition of the following: Provided always

that he must take the Past Master's degree before he can rank as a Past Master, and until he has received said degree he shall not be included as such in the lodge returns required by Section 195 of the Constitution.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. R. D. Foley (30),

Section 280 was amended by adding thereto the following: "Or to members of a lodge U. D.; but when a charter is granted membership in one lodge must terminate."

QUESTION OF ORDER.

A question of order having been raised by M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1) the Grand Master ruled that section 32 of the Constitution debarred proxies of lodges from voting by ballot on motions for altering or amending the Constitution.

NOTICES OF MOTION WITHDRAWN.

With the consent of Grand Lodge the following notices of motion were withdrawn:

By M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1)—To expunge sections 37, 38 and 66 of the Constitution.

By M.·.W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1)—To adopt forms in appendix to Constitution.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3)—To amend section 35 of the Constitution by adding after the words "Grand Master" in the 4th line the following: "but the election may be held at the first session of Grand Lodge provided the hour is named in the notices of meeting of Grand Lodge."

By R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4)—To amend section 125 of the Constitution by striking out the words: "for any public procession" and inserting the words "to wear regalia in public," in the 13th line.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4)—To amend section 169 of the Constitution by striking out the words: "by a dimit or" in the 13th line thereof.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson (7)—To provide, That the established mode of working in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and in the lodges in and under same is and shall be the Canada work, or work as done

under the Grand Lodge of Canada, provided, however, that chartered lodges in the jurisdiction now working in or under the Ancient York (or American) Rite, may so continue during the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Wilson withdrew the foregoing notice of motion with the understanding that a Special Committee would be appointed to deal with the question.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committees :

ON TEXT BOOKS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin (10), R.·. W.·. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy (4).

ON RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. George Black (10), R.·. W.·. Bro. W. F. Ellis (30), W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell (1).

ON RE-ARRANGEMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), W.·. Bro. D. H. McMillan (1).

ON TESTIMONIAL TO M.·. W.·. BRO. A. PEARSON.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris (4), V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1).

REPORT ADOPTED.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris (4), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes (previously received, see page 55) was adopted.

PLACE OF MEETING, 1891.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. R. D. Foley (30), seconded by M.·.W.·.Bro. John H. Bell (5), that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the city of Brandon.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson (41), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. F. L. Newman (7), that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the city of Winnipeg.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried*.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Fifteenth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 11:35 o'clock, a.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. L. D. Boynton.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspend'd (U. M. C.)	Suspend'd (N. P. D.)	Died.	Rejected	Members Dec. 27th, 1888.	Members Dec. 27th, 1889.	Me'bers 1 yr. &ov'r in arrears for dues.	Arrears due Grand Lodge Jan. 15, 1889.	Amount due Grand Lodge year ending Jan. 15, 1890.	Total amount due.	Amount Paid.	Balance Due.	Balance at Credit.
1	Prince Rupert's	9	5	6	14	4	5		17	2	1	108	111	1	$15 60	$ 95 40	$111 00	$111 00	....	.....
2	Lisgar	7	7	8	2	1	5		1	..	..	59	63	12	4 05	80 75	84 80	84 80	....	.....
3	Ancient Landmark	10	8	11	2	3	16		21	2	1	175	149	15	7 25	121 30	128 55	128 55	....	.....
4	St. John's	5	5	4	1	2	2		5	..	2	122	123	7	1 00	88 95	89 95	89 95	....	.....
5	Hiram	....	....	....	....	2	11		8	..	..	....	40	23	....	27 65	27 65	27 65	....	.....
6	Emerson	2	1	1	....	....	5		..	2	1	53	48	10	.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	....	.....
7	Assiniboine	10	10	10	56	3	8		14	1	4	44	95	16	10 00	95 60	105 60	109 25	....	$3 65
8	King Solomon	7	6	6	2	2	3		3	1	1	15	19	....	3 50	58 40	61 90	61 90	....	.....
9	Oakland	....	....	....	....	....	....		..	..	..	19	....	....	60	40	1 00	1 00	....	.....
10	Northern Light	....	....	....	2	....	3		..	..	3	54	50	22	.....	49 40	49 40	49 40	....	.....
11	Gladstone	....	....	....	1	....	2		..	..	..	36	35	4	.....	20 50	20 50	20 50	....	.....
12	Stonewall	1	....	....	4	....	....		..	1	..	22	26	3	15 06	28 60	43 60	43 60	....	.....
13	Belmont	6	5	7	3	....	2		..	..	1	44	51	4	.....	67 25	67 25	67 25	....	.....
14	Prince of Wales	....	....	....	....	....	3		..	..	..	47	44	11	1 00	24 90	25 90	26 65	....	75
15	Corinthian	2	2	2	3	....	1		..	..	..	23	27	7	6 50	38 80	45 30	45 30	....	.....
16	Kinistino	....	....	....	4	2	....		7	..	..	40	39	1	.....	51 28	51 28	51 28	....	.....
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	....	....	....	....	....	....		..	..	..	26	....	....	42 87	27 38	70 25	70 25	....	.....
19	Brandon	4	4	4	5	2	13		2	1	..	95	90	17	4 00	114 65	118 65	118 65	....	.....
20	Pembina	....	....	....	....	....	....		..	..	..	25	....	....	15	.....	15	15	....	.....

21	Marquette	5	2	3	....	....	....	..	.	..	..	49	....	....	.....	53 90	53 90	53 90	....	.....
23	Wascana	8	7	6	1	2	6	..	..	2	1	48	51	12	75	93 50	94 25	94 25	....	.... .
24	Neepawa	4	5	3	....	....	.....	..	1	..	..	23	26	....	.....	38 10	38 10	38 10	....	.....
25	Ionic	1	1	1	3	....	5	..	4	1	..	64	58	8	.....	41 05	41 05	41 05	....	.....
26	Moose Jaw	3	6	4	1	....	2	.	.	1	..	37	38	7	3 90	60 50	64 40	64 40	....	.....
27	Glenwood	2	1	4	2	....	4	..	.	..	..	21	21	11	.....	25 65	25 65	25 65	....	.....
28	Bow River	11	13	12	6	....	5	..	.	1	2	65	76	11	45 67	83 75	129 42	129 42	....	.....
29	Carberry	1	1	....	4	....	1	..	.	1	.	23	26	3	11 75	17 70	29 45	29 45	....	.....
30	Mauitou	5	5	5	4	1	1	.	..	..	4	26	35	6	.....	41 75	41 75	41 75	....	....
31	Medicine Hat	11	9	9	3	....	2	..	2	..	..	26	36	....	1 25	66 75	68 00	68 00	....	.....
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	4	3	2	....	....	1	..	.	..	..	16	19	4	10 50	41 35	51 85	51 85	....	.....
33	Indian Head	4	3	2	....	....	1	..	.	..	..	26	29	1	50	38 45	38 95	42 95	....	4 00
34	Qu'Appelle	1	1	1	4	....	....	..	.	..	..	22	27	3	22 62	26 80	49 42	49 42	....	.. ...
35	Moosomin	3	4	4	1	....	2	..	.	1	4	25	26	1	10 00	42 00	52 00	52 00	....	.....
36	Doric	3	4	3	....	....	1	..	.	..	3	32	34	4	.....	47 25	47 25	47 25	....	.....
37	Alberta	4	5	4	2	....	4	1	1	..	..	26	26	4	25	70 15	70 40	70 40	....	.....
38	Battle	1	1	1	2	....	8	.	.	..	2	35	30	....	1 00	20 50	21 50	21 50	....	....
39	Birtle	3	5	5	....	....	.....	..	1	..	.	26	28	4	9 25	57 50	66 75	66 75	....	.....
40	Deloraine	7	9	8	2	....	1	.	.	2	.	23	29	8	50	55 50	56 00	56 00	....	.....
41	North Star	10	10	8	1	....	....	.	.	1	4	21	32	2	5 50	123 50	129 00	129 00	....	.....
42	Cascade	9	9	11	2	....	4	1	..	..	5	29	34	13	16 10	153 50	169 60	169 60	....	.....
	Lebanon (U. D.)	10	9	8	15	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	25	....	.....	49 60	49 60	49 60	....	.....
	Oak Lake (U. D.)	2	2	2	10	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	12	....	.....	37 10	37 10	37 10	....	....
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ROLL OF EXTINCT LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Place of Meeting.	Date of Charter.	Remarks.
5	Hiram	Kildonan Manitoba	June 14, 1876	Charter Surrendered June 13, 1890
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Saskatch'n	February 16, 1883	Charter Surrendered February 13, 1889
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco	February 16, 1883	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1890
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie, Man.	February 16, 1883	Consolidated with Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, June 24, '89
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Ontario	March 3, 1883	United with Grand Lodge of Canada, April 6, 1887

NAMES OF OFFICERS OF LODGES.

No.	Name.	Town and P. O. Address.	County.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	J. H. D. Munson.. ...	J. O. Smith	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Manitoba	James G. Dagg.....	W. W. Fryer.....	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark..	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	W. A. Windatt	David H. Purdon.. .	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Alex. A. Aird	William Braden	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	Manitoba	T. W. Mutchmore ...	John W. McDonald..	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	A. E. J. Durrant	H. A. Ritchie, Acting	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	Wm. Meiklejohn	M. Lawrie	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland.....	Carman	Dufferin..	Manitoba	F. D. Stewart	W. J. Hemenway ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	George Black	A. H. Corelli	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	A. S. McGregor	Rev. Wm. J. Garton	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar...	Manitoba	Rev. A. W. Goulding ..	Thomas Holloway ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin.... ...	Manitoba	Corbet Locke.....	William Connor.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Albert C. Sewell	J. F. Boyd, Acting ..	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Robert A. Nelles	George L. Stone	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert	....	Saskatchewan ..	Hugh U. Bain, M. D..	A. R. Burns.....	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon.....	Brandon....	Brandon.....	Manitoba	Joseph M. Robinson ..	John A. McDonald ..	Second Tuesday in each month.
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound.....	Rock Lake	Manitoba	William McDonald	William Cranston....	Wednesday on or before full moon
23	Wascana	Regina	.....	Assiniboia	William Henderson	R. B. Ferguson.....	First Tuesday in each month.

24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	Manitoba	W. Drummond	Rev. C. R. Littler	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	J. J. White	E. L. Milligan, Acting	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	Robert H. Lowe	S. N. DeP. Green	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Brandon	Manitoba	George Waldy	E. J. Crawford	Friday on or before full moon,
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	N. J. Lindsay, M. D	W. L. Bernard	Monday on or before full moon,
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Manitoba	William Dickie	Arthur Mack	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Manitoba	R. D. Foley	W. F. Ellis	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	W. T. Finlay	Geo. McCuaig, Acting	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	Hugh Noble	Ernest W. Miller	Tuesday on or after full moon.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	George Thompson	George H. Gamble	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	John A. Cowan	George Purches	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	John Tucker	John Hewgill	Wednesday on or after full moon.
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	F. L. Schaffner	James A. Wright	Wednesday on or before full moon
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	William Black	E. J. Wright, Acting.	First Tuesday in each month.
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	F. K. A. D. Bourke	J. B. Parker	First Wednesday in each month.
39	Birtle	Birtle	Shoal Lake	Manitoba	S. C. Dinsmore	T. F. Patterson	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	James E. Maynard	Richard Kellett	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star	Lethbridge		Alberta	Jesse B. Walker	Norman T. McLeod	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Anthracite		Alberta	H. Ransford	James Carroll	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon	Virden	Dennis	Manitoba	Robert Adamson	C. E. Pineo, Acting	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Dennis	Manitoba	William Shaw	Robert Neill	Thursday on or before full moon.
	Spitzie (U. D.)	Pincher Creek		Alberta	John Herron		First Friday in each month.
	Wapananung (U. D.)	Broadview		Assiniboia	N. M. W. J. McKenzie.		First Thursday in each month.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's.....Winnipeg
" 2—Lisgar.....Selkirk
" 3—Ancient Landmark.....Winnipeg
" 4—St. John's.....Winnipeg
" 6—Emerson.....Emerson
" 10—Northern Light.....Winnipeg
" 12—Stonewall.....Stonewall
" 25—Ionic.....Winnipeg

No. 2.—Emerson District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Byron Fraser, *Morden.*

No. 8—King Solomon.....Morris
" 9—Oakland.....Carman
" 13—Belmont.....Morden
" 20—Pembina.....Pilot Mound
" 30—Manitou.....Manitou
" 36—Doric.....Boissevain
" 40—Deloraine.....Deloraine

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Reid Marlatt, *Portage la Prairie.*

No. 7—Assiniboine.....Portage la Prairie
" 11—Gladstone.....Gladstone
" 24—Neepawa.....Neepawa

No. 4.—Minnedosa District.

D. D. G. M.—W.·. Bro. John Franklin Boyd, *Minnedosa.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales.....Minnedosa
" 15—Corinthian.....Rapid City
" 39—Birtle.....Birtle

No. 5—Brandon District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. John Colwell, *Brandon.*

No. 19—Brandon.....Brandon
" 27—Glenwood.....Souris
" 29—Carberry.....Carberry

No. 43—Lebanon.....Virden
" 44—Oak Lake.....Oak Lake

No. 6.—Saskatchewan District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. George Edward Applegarth, *Battleford.*

No. 16—Kinistino.....Prince Albert
" 38—Battle.....Battleford

No. 7.—Alberta District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan John Campbell, *Macleod.*

No. 28—Bow River.....Calgary
" 31—Medicine Hat.....Medicine Hat
" 37—Alberta.....Macleod
" 41—North Star.....Lethbridge
" 42—Cascade.....Anthracite
U. D. Spitzie.....Pincher Creek

No. 9.—Assiniboia District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. David McIntosh, *Indian Head.*

No. 23—Wascana.....Regina
" 26—Moose Jaw.....Moose Jaw
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley.....Fort Qu'Appelle
" 33—Indian Head.....Indian Head
" 34—Qu'Appelle.....Qu'Appelle
" 35—Moosomin.....Moosomin
U. D. Wapananung.....Broadview

Recapitulation.

No. 1—Winnipeg District.....8
" 2—Emerson District.....7
" 3—Portage la Prairie District.....3
" 4—Minnedosa District.....3
" 5—Brandon District.....5
" 6—Saskatchewan District.....2
" 7—Alberta District.....6
" 9—Assiniboia District.....7

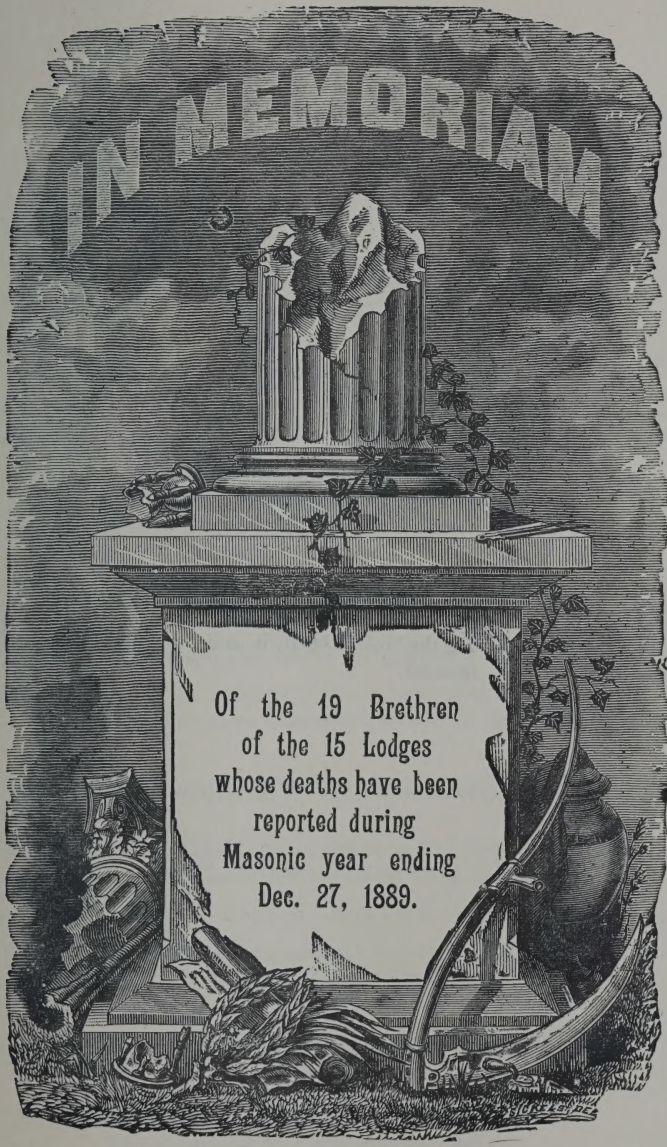
Total.....41

DEATHS 19—15 LODGES.

"With us their names shall live
Through all succeeding years,
Embalmed with all our hearts can give,
Our praises and our tears."

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
George Duncan McVicar	June 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
John Norquay	July 5, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Richard Peterson, F. C	October 25, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
James Stiff	May 17, 1889	Emerson	6
Neil Stewart	May 22, 1889	Emerson	6
John Smith	October, 18, 1889	Assiniboine	7
Charles John Brydges	February 1, 1889	Northern Light	10
Andrew G. B. Bannatyne	May 18, 1889	Northern Light	10
John Montgomery	November 27, 1889	Stonewall	12
*Joseph E. Woodworth	October 25, 1889	Brandon	19
Warren Hume Pringle	July 15, 1889	Wascana	23
Hugh McKay	May 24, 1889	Wascana	23
William Henry Long	February 13, 1889	Ionic	25
John E. Holdsworth	January 25, 1889	Moose Jaw	26
Henry Arthur Dundas	May 21, 1889	Bow River	28
William C. Smith	January 26, 1889	Carberry	29
Thomas B. McAlpine	August 31, 1889	Moosomin	35
Frederick Thomas Stuart	August 27, 1889	Deloraine	40
Archibald McNeil	July, 1889	Cascade	42

* Also a member of Deloraine Lodge No. 40.


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 19 Brethren
of the 15 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1889.

"Youth with its glory, in its fulness age,
All, at the gate of their eternal clime lay down
And close their mortal pilgrimages."

"Oh Heaven hath balm for every wound it makes,
Healing the broken heart, it smiles but ne'er forsakes."

Inscribed to the Memory

OF

BROTHER JOHN NORQUAY,

Past Grand Steward, a Life Member of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, Winnipeg.

Born at Red River Settlement, May 8, 1841.
Died at Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 5, 1889.

V.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN SMITH,

Past Grand Steward, a Member of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage la Prairie.

Born at Brigg, England, January 29th, 1817.
Died at Winnipeg, October 18, 1889.

V.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN MONTGOMERY,

Past Grand Steward and Past Master of Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

Born at St. Sylvestre, Quebec, September 5, 1836.
Died at Stonewall, Manitoba, November 27, 1889.

W.·. BRO. ANDREW G. B. BANNATYNE,

First W.·. M.·. of the first lodge organized in the Red River Settlement under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota,

A Charter Member of Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg.

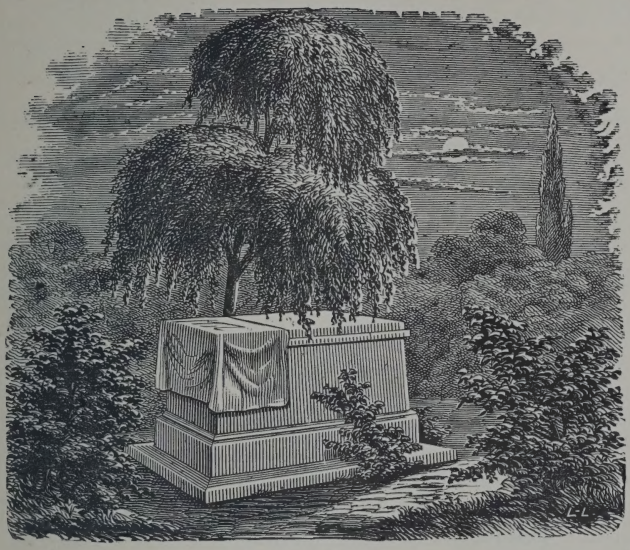
Born at Rothsay, Scotland, October 31, 1829.
Died at Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 18, 1889.

W.·. BRO. GEORGE DUNCAN McVICAR,

Past Master of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Winnipeg.

Born at Almont, Michigan, July 14, 1846.
Died at Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 21, 1890.

"Death his sacred seal hath set
On bright and by-gone hours;
And they we mourn are with us yet,
Are more than ever ours;
Ours by the pledge of love and faith,
By hopes of heaven on high;
By trust triumphant over death,
In immortality."



In Memoriam.

M.·. W.·. BRO. ALEXANDER T. DARRACH, M. D.,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Born at Delaware, Ohio, March 17th, 1836 ; died at Bloomington, Illinois, September 4, 1889.

M.·. W.·. BRO. AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON,

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Born at Morris Plains, New Jersey, August 29, 1817 ; Died at St. Paul, Minnesota, November 26, 1889.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN THOMPSON,

Past Grand Master, Past Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Born at Philadelphia, August 14, 1799 ; died at Philadelphia, October 24, 1889.

R.·. W.·. BRO. BENJAMIN CURREN, D.C.L.,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Born at Windsor, Nova Scotia, 1826 ; died at Windsor, Nova Scotia, March 31, 1890.

"What wondrous mercy doth the Master give,
That the true workmen in their work shall live."

"Death takes us by surprise,
And stays our hurrying feet;
The great design unfurnished lies,
Our lives are incomplete."

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Elias George Conklin	March 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
John O Armit	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
John William Canniff	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Arthur Henry Eaton	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Alexander McNab	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Alfred Masters	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Henry Egerton Neelands	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
George Stubbs	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Alexander Wilkes	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Sidney Cluterbuck Vick	May 21, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Louis E. Braden	September 17, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Henry James Anstie	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
James Gordon Crombie	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
James Shotton Hurst	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
James Hooper	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Andrew Daniel May	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Duncan McKay	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
William Campbell	December 2, 1889	Lisgar	2
Andrew Grant	May 13, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Arnold Gilroy	May 13, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Daniel James Houlahan	May 13, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
David Byre Murray	May 13, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Thomas Henry Smith	May 13, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
William James Huston	June 10, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Gideon Bourdeau	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
William Barnes Cousin	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
James Henderson	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Rudolph Oullett	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Wilton Alpheus Snyder	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Archibald Davis	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
John Montgomery	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Christopher Raynard	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
George Flegg	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
William Gilbert	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
John Graham	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Norton Haughey	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
James R. Jackson	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Thomas Moore	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
John Cox Wallis	November 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
John Cuddy	July 3, 1889	St. John's	4
John Randolph Cameron	July 3, 1889	St. John's	4
Thomas Edward Thompson	July 3, 1889	St. John's	4
John McCallum	July 3, 1889	St. John's	4
Charles Wallace Sharpe	July 3, 1889	St. John's	4
William Ross Black	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
Robert Gunn	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
John Matheson	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
John MacBeth	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
Adam MacBeth	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
Donald Sutherland	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
Arthur Walkley	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—CONTINUED.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
John Henry Wintersgill	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
Donald Sutherland	April 12, 1889	Hiram	5
Joseph Carey	April 10, 1889	Assiniboine	7
Joseph Fanning	April 10, 1889	Assiniboine	7
John James Routledge	April 10, 1889	Assiniboine	7
John James Setter	April 10, 1889	Assiniboine	7
George Hatfield Sproule	April 10, 1889	Assiniboine	7
Robert Sage	October 2, 1889	Assiniboine	7
Alexander McKay	September 2, 1889	King Solomon	8
Henry John Thorne	September 2, 1889	King Solomon	8
William John Willis	September 2, 1889	King Solomon	8
Robert David Meyers	February 14, 1889	Kinistino	16
Frederick George Dann	February 14, 1889	Kinistino	16
Charles Quinney	February 14, 1889	Kinistino	16
Alexander Stansfield	February 14, 1889	Kinistino	16
Henry John Starforth	February 14, 1889	Kinistino	16
Andrew Everett Porter	June 13, 1889	Kinistino	16
Rudolph Oullett	November 11, 1889	Kinistino	16
William Fenn	December 10, 1889	Brandon	19
William Duncan Matheson	December 10, 1889	Brandon	19
John Boultbee	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
Hiram Grannis	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
Frank Grannis	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
Hugh Joseph LeRoy	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
Edward Bowers Newmarsh	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
John Barber Pewtress	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
George Lofius Reed	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
John Smith	May 9, 1889	Marquette	21
Henry Connell	April 10, 1889	Neepawa	24
Hubert Hough Barber	December 6, 1889	Ionic	25
William Robert Carscaden	December 6, 1889	Ionic	25
James William McKenzie	December 6, 1889	Ionic	25
James Yuill	December 6, 1889	Ionic	25
John Nicol Irvine	May 7, 1889	Medicine Hat	31
Gordon Rolph	May 7, 1889	Medicine Hat	31
Charles James Reach	December 3, 1889	Alberta	37
Charles Arkall Boulton	April 12, 1889	Birtle	39

SUSPENSIONS FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

Henry Thornton	March 11, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Charles Arthur Booth	June 10, 1889	" "	3
Alfred Hardwick L. Staunton	May 21, 1889	Alberta	37
James R. Johnson	June 18, 1889	Cascade	42

EXPULSION AFFIRMED.

David Keefe	June 11, 1890	Cascade	42

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Alexander Gemmell	January 15, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Richard St. Leger McGinn	January 15, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
James Greenwood Entwhistle	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Edwin Doidge	November 19, 1889	Prince Rupert's	1
Robert Scott Conklin	April 1, 1889	Lisgar	2
William Dawson	April 8, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
Daniel John Houlahan	July 10, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
David Byre Murray	September 26, 1889	Ancient Landmark	3
John Randolph Cameron	August 7, 1889	St. John's	4
Thomas Edward Thompson	November 18, 1889	St. John's	4
George Aske	May 4, 1889	Hiram	5
John Colbert	December 27, 1889	Hiram	5
Edward H. G. G Hay	December 1, 1889	Assiniboine	7
John Smith	October 2, 1889	Assiniboine	7
Robert Sage	November 6, 1889	Assiniboine	7
James Croft Kennedy	May 7, 1889	King Solomon	8
George Carscallen Wilde	February 5, 1889	King Solomon	8
Joseph McKay	January 7, 1889	Kinistino	16
Andrew Everett Porter	December 27, 1889	Kinistino	16
Arthur Nassau Molesworth	March 12, 1889	Brandon	19
Charles Birdsall Lockhart	May 14, 1889	Brandon	19
James Henry Benson	February 5, 1889	Wascana	23
Frederick Kellock Gibson	February 5, 1889	Wascana	23
Frank George Simpson	January 11, 1889	Manitou	30

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, MAY 12, 1875.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GR. CHAPLAIN.
1875	*Rev. W.C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	‡Jas. Henderson	S. L. Bedson ..	*Col. John Kennedy.	John H. Bell	**H. T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	‡James Henderson	S. L. Bedson ..	G F. Newcomb.	**J. J. Johnston..	John H. Bell	J. W. Harris ...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb ..	‡James Henderson	John W. Harris	‡ E. G. Conklin	J. J. Johnston..	John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb ..	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin .	*F. T. Bradley..	J. J. Johnston..	John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin...	R. McCuaig....	J. J. Johnston..	John H. Bell	James Munro ...	Rev. James Flett.
1880	John H. Bell	‡E. G. Conklin ..	Hon. G. McMicken.	†J.M. McGregor	J. J. Johnston..	Wm. G. Scott	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†D. B. Murray..	C. F Forrest ..	J. J. Johnston..	‡James Henderson	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	Alfred Pearson..	C. F. Forrest ..	J. J. Johnston..	§H.D.P. LeCappelain.	†D. G Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell	†D. B. Murray ..	R. McCuaig....	† John Smith, M. D.	J. J. Johnston..	Wm. G. Scott	D. Young, M. D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	John H. Bell	C. F. Forrest	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M. D.	J. J. Johnston..	Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson ..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	C. F. Forrest ...	Alfred Pearson....	P. McGregor ..	†Thos. Collins ..	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	J. W. H. Wilson..	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	Alfred Pearson....	Peter McGregor ..	J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon..	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott ...	Wm. G. Bell.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	Thomas Clark ..	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell....	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James S. Greig ..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	Thomas Clark ..	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown ..	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Joseph Daniel	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. George Bell	Thos. L. Morton	Thos McPherson	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne ..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1890	James A. Ovas ..	Wm. George Bell	Thos. McPherson	Fred. L. Newman.	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

* Dead. ‡ Suspended N. P. D. † Removed from jurisdiction. ** Withdrawn from Masonry. § Expelled.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, Rapid City,.....Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell, Winnipeg,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson, Lethbridge,.....Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick L. Newman, Portage la Prairie, Grand Junior Warden.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Winnipeg,.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Byron Fraser, Morden,.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Reid Marlatt, Portage la Prairie,.....D. D. G. M.
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
British Columbia...	John S. Hough	Winnipeg	February 18, 1887
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson .	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
New Brunswick....	George F. Newcomb..	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara.	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edward Isl'd	John J. Jackson.....	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	Samuel L. Bedson....	Stony Mountain....	Nov. 18, 1879

From the United Kingdom.

England	Alfred Pearson.....	Winnipeg	March 17, 1886
Scotland	John H. Bell	Winnipeg	Nov. 6, 1884

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie.....	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne.....	Winnipeg	Nov. 30, 1888
Arkansas..... .	Roderick McCuaig ...	Portage la Prairie ..	Dec. 26, 1883
California	John W. H. Wilson .	Portage la Prairie ..	October 6, 1885
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	Nov. 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black..... ..	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch...	Winnipeg	January 11, 1889
District of Columbia	Thomas A. Cuddy....	Minnedosa	Nov. 27, 1888
Florida	Rev. S. P. Matheson .	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thomas Lewis Morton	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John Headley Bell ...	Winnipeg	August 28, 1876
Illinois..... ..	John Leslie.....	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Indian Territory...	Donald Hope.....	Winnipeg	June 26, 1889
Iowa	Rev. A. W. Goulding.	Stony Mountain....	February 24, 1890
Kansas	James A. Ovas.	Rapid City	Dec. 26, 1886
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson.....	Winnipeg	January 18, 1881
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	George Munroe	Winnipeg	January 29, 1879
Maryland	Alexander Nicol.	Neepawa.....	Dec. 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie.....	Winnipeg.	May 16, 1888

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	James Munroe	High Bluff	Nov. 23, 1880
Montana	John H. Bell	Winnipeg	Nov. 22, 1875
Nebraska	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg	Nov. 22, 1875
Nevada	John Colwell	Brandon	March 7, 1890
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Winnipeg	Dec. 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Nov. 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	Dec. 15, 1883
Pennsylvania	William G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 3, 1879
Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg	August 11, 1880
South Carolina	Gilbert McMicken	Winnipeg	January 19, 1880
South Dakota	Frederick L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Portage la Prairie	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa.	March 15, 1879
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 12, 1885
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
Washington	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	Minnedosa	Nov. 18, 1884
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assiniboia	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg	June 26, 1877

From Other Countries.

Cuba and Colon	Rev. James Irvine	Garden River, Algo.	May 4, 1881
New South Wales	Daniel H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving, Q. C.	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	W. F. Dibblee	Woodstock	October 2, 1875
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M.D	Hopeville	June 1877
Prince Edward Isl'd	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Sept. 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	John Mills Brown	Vallego	May 9, 1877
Colorado	John Widderfield	El Moro	Dec. 19, 1883
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
District of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington	August 16, 1880
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassa	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo	Sept. 5, 1879
Iowa	George M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	Sept. 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	Dec. 10, 1886
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville	June 16, 1879
Louisiana	Henry Chaffee	New Orleans	June 8, 1877
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	Nov. 16, 1883
Minnesota	J. B. Cummings	Winona	1880

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D.	Sardis	Dec. 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	Nov. 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City	Dec. 14, 1883
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	Dec. 5, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. Hardacre	Camden	October 20, 1885
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Samuel Jones	New York	January 15, 1876
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati	April 10, 1876
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Layfayette	
Pennsylvania	General Louis Wagner	Philadelphia	August 29, 1884
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	T. C. Cawood	Dandridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	Geo. H. Bringhurst	Houston	August 8, 1876
Utah	Freedom H. Church	Corinne	
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Thomas T. Minor	Townsend	Sept. 20, 1876
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne	August 25, 1877

In Other Countries.

Cuba and Colon	Juan Jubizareta	Havana	April 14, 1881
New South Wales	William H. Tulloh	Sydney	October 30, 1889
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	Nov. 24, 1887

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address
British Columbia	H. Brown	Victoria.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. Johns.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
Ireland	Archibald St. George, D.G.S.	Dublin.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	M. J. Greene	Montgomery.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	Alex. G. Abell	San Francisco.
Colorado	Edward Parmelee	Pueblo.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, D.C.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	Boise City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Jas. C. Bachelor, M.D.	New Orleans, Dr. 872.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob L. Medairy	Masonic T., Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Masonic T., Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.

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GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
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Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Las Vegas.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic T., New York
North Carolina	D. W. Bain	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Casselton.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	S. F. Chadwick	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbett	Mas'c T., Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charlestown.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Aberdeen.
South Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Nashville.
Texas	W. F. Swain	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John J. W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuydendell	Cheyenne
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Austria Hungary	Joseph Hansdorfer	Budapest.
Belgium, Grand Orient of	Rian-Nedgrot	Brussels.
Denmark	W. Schytee	Copenhagen.
Germany—Three Globes	C. W. Linde	Berlin.
National	E. T. P. Meyerhoff	Berlin.
Royal York	Karl E. Bouche	Berlin.
Hamburg	Joseph I. Kli	Hamburg.
Hesse Darmstadt	Dr. Karl Nies	Darmstadt.
Union Electric	Karl Paul	Frankfort-on-the-Main
Saxony	F. G. Steubler	Dresden.
Bavaria	Alexander Puschkin	Bayreuth.
Greece	Andreas Kalivas	Athens.
Italy	Linge Castlellozzo	Rome.
Portugal	Jayme Larcher	Lisbon.
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Switzerland	Herman Krauss	Geneva.

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Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
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Tunis	Edward Nurri	Tunis.

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Brazil	Alex Freire do Arnaral	Rio de Janerio.
Brazil, Grand Orient of	Antonio Pinto Mendez	Rio de Janeiro.
Costa Rica	A. Osborne	San Jose.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso.
Columbia Sup. Council U.S. of	Damaro Sapota	Carthagena.
Cuba and Colon	Jose F. Pellou	Havana.
Mexico	Enrique Aragon	Mexico.
Peru	J. A. Ego Aguirre	Lima.
Venezeula	Isacc J. Pardo	Caraccas.

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the town of Minnedosa, Province of Manitoba, on Tuesday, July 1st, A.D. 1890, A.L. 5890, at 2 o'clock p.m.

OPENING

The Special Communication was opened in *ample form* by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

PRESENT:

M.·.W.·.Bro. James Alexander Ovas, (15),.....Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. " Wm. Geo. Bell (3).....Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Thos. Lewis Morton (11) .. ..as Grand Senior Warden.
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V " " Samuel Reid Marlatt (7)..... .D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 3.
" " " John Franklin Boyd (14) .....D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 4.
" John Chambers (3) .....as Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. " William George Scott (1) ..... Grand Secretary.
M " " Rev Canon James D. O'Meara (10)...as Grand Chaplain.
" " George Little Stone (15) .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Jno. Alexander Davidson (24) .....as Grand Junior Deacon.
" John L. Robertson (14).....as Grand Organist.
W " James Spiers Greig (14).....as Grand Pursuivant.
" James Henry Davidson (24).....as Grand Steward.
" James William Leathorne (14) .....as Grand Steward.
" Isaac Cookman (14) .....as Grand Tyler.

Members of Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that they were assembled in Special Communication for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall, *in Minnedosa*, he having accepted the invitation of the Trustees and Building Committee to lay said stone in accordance with the usages of our Ancient Craft.

A procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Constitution, was formed, and escorted by the Knights Templar of Albert Edward Preceptory, No. 52, Winnipeg, in full uniform, headed by the Portage la Prairie brass band, marched from the Lodge room through the town to the site of the new building.

The Grand Master and Grand Officers having taken their positions, the Grand Master began the proceedings by saying :

Allow me, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to convey to you, ladies, and those who are not members of our fraternity, an expression of my warm appreciation of the hearty sympathy which you exhibit by your presence here to-day, in the undertaking in which we are about to engage.

We are met together for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall—a masonic temple—to be erected and dedicated, in the name of the Most High, to Morality and Virtue, in which will be taught the grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and from which should flow the great stream of charity, fraught with *beneficent* influences to all, that charity without which all our works are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

Since Freemasons have ceased to be builders of material temples they have often been invited to lay the corner stones of important public edifices. The practice of laying the foundation stone of a building with peculiar ceremony was a solemn authentication of the work by the head of the Craft, who stood as daysman between the proprietor or 'Lord of the work' and the instruments of its construction, and who was appealed to in all differences or disputes between the contracting parties, in order to reach a friendly arrangement. Thus has Freemasonry always engaged in works and labors of love; it always builds up, it never tears down.

The symbolism of the corner stone is full of instruction. It must be well formed, true and trusty, a perfect square on its surfaces, a perfect cube in its solidity ; it is placed at the north-east corner of the building, and is both durable and permanent. The north symbolizes the place of darkness, the east the place of light. Note hence, that masonry commences the building of an edifice deep down in the darkness of its foundation, rears it thence into the light of day, and raises it up grandly toward the heavens, and as it will still remain when that "eternal ocean whose waves are years" shall have swept away the Craftsmen that have laid it, we are reminded that we have in our spiritual temple an immortal part which shall survive the grave, and never, never die. As it is true and tested by the temporal master's plumb, level and square, it reminds us that our lives and characters shall be tried and tested by the Eternal Master, the Grand Architect of the universe; as we pour corn, wine and oil upon it as elements of consecration, so we are taught to share with our fellows that which we have for our own nourishment, refreshment and joy. The greatest of the triune virtues is charity.

Freemasonry is the most ancient of all societies, and notwithstanding it has had (like all other human institutions) its difficulties to contend with, and there have been those among Freemasons who have fallen from the path of rectitude, yet the *principles* of the Order are so sound, the great landmarks so well defined, that it has been, is, and ever will be an impregnable fortress. It cannot fail because it is founded upon the truths of Holy Writ.

We have as our great charter and guide the sacred volume of the Bible, that holy book of books, constructed by the G. A. O. T. U. through his inspired instruments, the apostles and the prophets—this is our chart, this our compass.

We ask no man who seeks admission to our order by what road he is travelling towards the Grand Lodge above, eternal in the Heavens ; but we ask him whilst going thitherwards, whilst passing through this life of probation, to fix his eye, his faith, his hope, on the Son of Righteousness. God said 'let there be light, and there was light.' Keep your eyes, my brethren, on that light, that star, that sun.

In a Freemason's Lodge there must be no jangling of sectarian creeds, no political acrimony, no strife ; the true Freemason must divest himself of all this and put on the robe of harmony, gentleness, good will and brotherly love, so that he may in the Lodge below be prepared to enter the Grand Lodge above, which God grant we may all enter.

As it is the first duty of Masons in every undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Most High upon their work, let us now unite with the Grand Chaplain in prayer to the Throne of Grace.

Prayer was then pronounced by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, Acting Grand Chaplain.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, next read the scroll, about to be deposited in the stone, as follows :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 1st Day of July, A. D. 1890, A. L. 5890.

And in the 53rd year of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor-General of Canada.

The Hon. JOHN SCHULTZ, Lieut.-Gov. of the Province of Manitoba.

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, K. C. B., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. THOS. GREENWAY, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

M.·. W.·. Bro. JAMES ALEXANDER OVAS, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. Geo. Bell, Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. THOS. MCPHERSON, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. FREDERICK LESLIE NEWMAN, Grand Junior Warden.

V.·. W.·. Bro. JOHN FRANKLIN BOYD, District Deputy Grand Master of Number 4, or Minnedosa District.

JAMES JERMYN, Mayor of the Town of Minnedosa.

J. K. Patton, R. A. Cowan, P. J. McDermott, R. B. Rook, D. L. Gaunce and Wm. Wright, Councillors.

Bros. J. F. Boyd, A. C. Sewell, and A. G. Hall, Trustees of Masonic Hall.

The Corner Stone

OF THE MASONIC HALL, MINNEDOSA,

Erected by Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, G.R.M., was laid by M.·. W.·. Bro. JAS. ALEX. OVAS, Grand Master, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. WM. GEO. BELL, Deputy Grand Master, R.·. W.·. Bro. THOS. L. MORTON, as Grand Senior Warden, R.·. W.·. Bro. FRED'K L. NEWMAN, Grand Junior Warden, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the order, which may T.G.A.O.T.U. ever protect and prosper.

The corner-stone contained, in addition to this scroll, the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the By-Laws of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, copies of the Winnipeg *Free Press* and *Tribune*, *The Canadian Craftsman*, and *The Master Mason*, of Minneapolis, and the current coins of Canada.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood, as architect, presented the M.·. W.·. Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel commemorative of the occasion. The Grand Master, in accepting the trowel, returned his very cordial thanks, expressing the wish that peace and prosperity would always attend Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, and its members.

The Masonic ceremonies of the laying of the corner-stone were then proceeded with in due form, and after it was placed, the Deputy Grand Master applied the square, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Grand Junior Warden the plumb rule, and reported that they found the stone correct and truly laid, and that the crafts-

men had performed their duty. The Deputy Grand Master then strewed corn upon the stone, the Grand Senior Warden poured wine, and the Grand Junior Warden anointed it with oil, the emblems of Plenty, Joy and Consolation. The Grand Master then striking the stone three times, declared it to be well and truly laid.

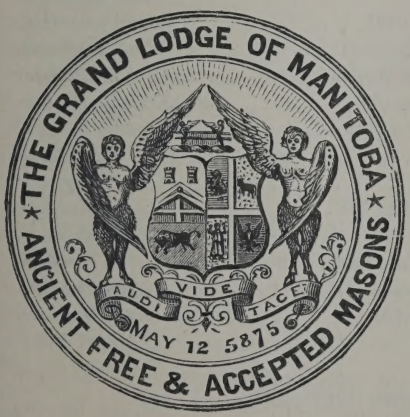
The Grand Honors having been given, the Grand Master declared the ceremony completed, and called upon M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, who, in response, delivered an eloquent and instructive address upon the objects and aim of Masonry.

The benediction having been pronounced, the procession reformed and, escorted as before, returned to the Lodge room.

CLOSING.

After returning to the hall, the Grand Master, on behalf of the members of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, thanked the brethren of the other Lodges who, by their attendance and assistance, had aided so materially in making the services of the day a success.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.



Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Winnipeg, commencing on Wednesday, June 10th, A.D. 1891, A.L. 5891, at 8.30 o'clock, p.m

Present.

M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas (15) ..... Grand Master.
R " " William George Bell (3)..... Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Thomas McPherson (41)..... Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Frederick L. Newman (7)..... Grand Junior Warden.
V " " John Leslie (1) ..... D. D. G. M.
" " " Samuel Reid Marlatt (7) ..... D. D. G. M.
" " " John Franklin Boyd (14) ..... D. D. G. M.
" " " John Colwell (19) ..... D. D. G. M.
R " " John McKechnie (1) ..... Grand Treasurer.
" " " William George Scott (1) ..... Grand Secretary.
" " " Robert White Woodroofe (1) ..... Grand Registrar.
" " " Rev. James Moncrieff Wellwood (14) ..... as Grand Chaplain.
V " " Richard Dennis Foley (30) ..... Grand Senior Deacon.
R " " Thomas Lewis Morton (14)..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " James Leslie (14)..... as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V " " Robert Wilkinson (3) ..... Grand Organist.
" " " Henry Joseph Woodside (7) ..... Grand Pursuivant.
" " " John Highman (36) ..... Grand Steward.
" " " James Edward Maynard (40) ..... Grand Steward.
" " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)..... as Grand Steward.
" " " George Little Stone (15)..... as Grand Steward.
" " John McBride (1)..... Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson (10)..... Past Grand Master.
" " Alfred Pearson (1) ..... " "
" " Thomas Clark (25)..... " "

R.·. W.·. Bro.	John Walter Harris (4)	Past Deputy G. Master.
" "	William George Scott (1)	" "
" "	Simon Duffin (3)	P. G. Senior Warden.
" "	Roderick McCuaig (7)	" "
" "	John William Henry Wilson (7)	" "
" "	Rev. James M. Wellwood (14)	" "
" "	Thomas Lewis Morton (11)	" "
" "	Willard Cooke Copeland (25)	P.D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 1.
" "	William John Ptolemy (4)	" " "
" "	David James Goggin (10)	" " "
" "	William Francis Ellis (31)	" " 2
" "	James Leslie (14)	" " 4
" "	Frank White Peters (10)	" " 5
" "	James Andrew Payne (4)	P. G. Registrar.

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges:

Alabama	R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	James Leslie.
Arizona	"	"	"	James Andrew Payne.
Arkansas	"	"	"	Roderick McCuaig.
British Columbia		"	"	John S. Hough.
Canada	M.	"	"	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
California	R.	"	"	John W. H. Wilson.
Cuba and Colon		"	"	John McOuat.
Dakota	R.	"	"	Frederick Leslie Newman.
England	M.	"	"	Alfred Pearson.
Florida	"	"	"	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
Georgia	R.	"	"	Thomas Lewis Morton.
Ireland	"	"	"	Wm. George Scott.
Illinois	V.	"	"	John Leslie.
Indian Territory	"	"	"	Donald Hope.
Kansas	M.	"	"	James A. Ovas.
Kentucky	M.	"	"	Alfred Pearson.
Louisiana		"	"	James Johnson White.
Maine	R.	"	"	Samuel Reid Marlatt.
Michigan	"	"	"	John McKechnie.
Mississippi	"	"	"	William G. Bell.
Missouri	V.	"	"	John Franklin Boyd.
Nebraska	"	"	"	Richard Dennis Foley.
New Hampshire	R.	"	"	David James Goggin.
New Jersey	"	"	"	William John Ptolemy.
New South Wales		"	"	Daniel H. McMillan.
New York	R.	"	"	John Walter Harris.
Nevada	V.	"	"	John Colwell.
North Dakota		"	"	John Henry D. Munson.

Ohio	R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Willard C. Copeland.
Pennsylvania	"	"	"	William George Scott.
Peru		"	"	Charles Napier Bell.
Prince Edward Island		"	"	John J. Jackson.
Rhode Island	V.	"	"	Richard W. A. Rolph.
South Carolina		"	"	William Andrew Windatt.
South Dakota	R.	"	"	Fred. L. Newman.
Victoria	"	"	"	Thomas McPherson.
Vermont	V.	"	"	Robert F. McTavish.
Virginia	R.	"	"	William Francis Ellis.
Washington	"	"	"	Rev. James M. Wellwood.
Wisconsin	V.	"	"	Thomas Robinson.
Wyoming	R.	"	"	Simon Duffin.

Past Masters.

V.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Joseph Hursell (1)
R.	"	"	William George Scott (1)
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)
M.	"	"	Alfred Pearson (1)
V.	"	"	John Leslie (1)
	"	"	Daniel Hunter McMillan (1)
	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)
	"	"	Charles William Sutter (1)
	"	"	John J. Jackson (1)
R.	"	"	Robert W. Woodroofe (1)
	"	"	John Henry D. Munson (1)
	"	"	Alexander Polson (1)
V.	"	"	James G. Dagg (2)
	"	"	Richard Henry Gilhuly (2)
V.	"	"	James Colcleugh (2)
R.	"	"	Simon Duffin (3)
V.	"	"	Richard W. A. Rolph (3)
V.	"	"	Donald Hope (3)
R.	"	"	William George Bell (3)
R.	"	"	Albert H. Van Etten (3)
	"	"	Joseph Cornell (3)
	"	"	Benjamin Smeed (3)
	"	"	Andrew Schmidt (3)
	"	"	Henry Cameron (3)
V.	"	"	George E. Fulthorp (3)
	"	"	William Andrew Windatt (3)
R.	"	"	John Walter Harris (4)
"	"	"	William John Ptolemy (4)

R.·. W.·. Bro. James Andrew Payne (4)
" " Robert Center Fraser (4)
" " Alexander A. Aird (4)
V. " " Alfred E. Hopkinson (6)
" " Thornton Wesley Mutchmor (6)
R. " " Roderick McCuaig (7)
V. " " Samuel Reid Marlatt (7)
" " Byron Marcus Canniff (7)
R. " " Frederick Leslie Newman (7)
V. " " Henry Joseph Woodside (7)
R. " " John William H. Wilson (7)
" " George Davison (7)
" " John Mason (7)
" " Robert Fairbairn McTavish (8)
M. " " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10)
R. " " David James Goggin (10)
V. " " Thomas Robinson (10)
R. " " Frank White Peters (10)
" " George Russell Thompson (10)
" " John Robert Grant (10)
" " Herman Joseph Eberts (10)
" " John Stanley Hough (10)
" " Joseph Edward Hannah (10)
R. " " Thomas Lewis Morton (11)
" " Thomas Cory (11)
" " Archibald St. Clair McGregor (11)
" " John McOuat (12)
" " William Vincent (12)
" " Donald John McCuish (13)
R. " " James Leslie (14)
" " " Rev. James Moncrieff Wellwood (14)
V. " " John Franklin Boyd (14)
M. " " James Alexander Ovas (15)
" " George Little Stone (15)
V. " " John Colwell (19)
" " Robert Boyd Cumming (19)
" " Edward George Weeks (23)
" " James Henry Davidson (24)
M. " " Thomas Clark (25)
R. " " Willard C. Copeland (25)
" " James Johnson White (25)
" " Hyman Miller (25)
V. " " James Alexander Carley (25)
" " James Charles Stoyte (27)
R. " " William Francis Ellis (30)

V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley (30)
" " Joseph Tees (30)
" " John McGuirl (35)
" " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)
V. " " John Highman (36)
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40)
R. " " Thomas McPherson (41)
" " James John Dunlop (43)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Moncrieff Wellwood, Acting Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons, in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

The Minutes of the Grand Lodge at the Fifteenth Annual Communication, held on the 11th, 12th and 13th June, A.D., 1890, having been printed and copies thereof distributed to the Lodges, the same, on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4), seconded by W.·. Bro. John R. Grant (10), were taken as read and were confirmed.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. John Ptolemy (4), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the reading of the minutes of a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge held at the town of Minnedosa, July 1st, A.D. 1890, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall, were taken as read and were confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bro. James A. Ovas, then read his annual address as follows :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba :

It is with deep feelings of gratitude to the Most High that I am again permitted to meet you within our hallowed walls, and on this occasion, as your Grand Master, to extend to you a cordial and hearty welcome to this our sixteenth annual communication.

Another brief year has passed, and we are again convened to review the results of our labors during the Masonic year now drawing to a close, and to legislate for the advancement of our order in the future.

As our first duty, it was most fitting that we should join with our Grand Chaplain in returning thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for His tender compassion to us, and that watchful care and preservation that has enabled us to again meet with almost unbroken ranks, and invoke His guidance upon us and our labors.

During the year I have visited as many of our Subordinate Lodges as time and circumstances would permit. I cannot find words to express my thanks to the brethren for the kindness extended to me on every occasion. I was received with that fraternal welcome and courtesy ever found among Masons. My most pleasant hours have been spent on these occasions, and I shall always have the kindliest remembrance of them, and consider it my loss at not being able to visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction.

To the Lodges I have been unable to visit, my only excuse is lack of time. It would be almost an impossibility in one short year to cover the ground of this one of the most extensive jurisdictions in the world.

In connection with my official visits I have had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification of degree work on nearly every occasion, and am pleased to report that as a rule the ceremony was performed with due solemnity and grandeur, and the ritual given with grace, dignity and feeling. At the same time I must admit of certain differences in the work by the several Lodges, and would suggest as a slight remedy for the present, and until we are in a position to sustain a Grand Lecturer, the exemplifying of the degrees in Grand Lodge by a suffieient number of well skilled officers. A few hours spent in this way would, I am sure, not only be a great benefit to all present, but would place the District Deputy Grand Masters in a position to more easily correct any error noticed during their official visits.

On the second of January I received the following fraternal greeting from M.·. W.·. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

TORONTO, January 1st.

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge Manitoba, Rapid City.

May this new year be to you and the Craftsmen of your jurisdiction the brightest and happiest of all the years, and may it bring with it oceans of fraternity, fellowship and prosperity.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Grand Master, Canada.

To which I replied as follows :

RAPID CITY, January 2nd, 1891.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge Canada, Toronto.

Accept in return fraternal greetings on behalf of the Masons of my fair prairie jurisdiction. May this year be to you and the brethren of your grand jurisdiction, one of peace, prosperity and harmony.

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

I have received reports from the following District Deputy Grand Masters, as required by the Constitution :

V.·. W.·. BRO. BYRON FRASER.....Emerson District, No. 2.
" " " J. FRANKLIN BOYD.....Minnedosa District, No. 4.
" " " GEO. E. APPLEGARTH.....Saskatchewan District, No. 6.
" " " DUNCAN J. CAMPBELL.....Alberta District, No. 7.
" " " DAVID MCINTOSH .....Assiniboia District, No. 9.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

In accordance with resolutions passed at our last Annual Communication, I appointed the following committees :

On Text Books for Lodges.—W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, R.·. W.·. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy.

On Re-distribution of Districts.—M.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. Black, R.·. W ·. Bro. W F. Ellis, W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell.

On Re-arrangement of Constitution.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, R.·. W.·. Bro. Jno. McKechnie, W.·. Bro. D. H. McMillan.

On Testimonial to M.·. W.·. Bro. A. Pearson.—R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris, V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie.

Fraternal Dead.

The angel of death has been abroad among our brethren of this and other jurisdictions, and many have passed over the silent river. I recommend that pages in our Proceedings be set apart and suitably inscribed to the memory of the brethren named below, and also to those of our fraternity who have died in the more obscure walks of life, as they too are worthy to be thus remembered.

Bro. Duncan McArthur died at Lethbridge, Alberta, July 5th, 1890, at the age of 62 years; was elected Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge June, 1876, and served until the Annual Communication held February, 1884.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Gilbert McMicken departed this life 6th March, 1891, terminating an eventful existence, at the advanced age of 77 years; was a charter member and first W.·.M.·. of Northern Light Lodge, No. 10; was elected Grand Senior Warden February, 1880, and at the time of his death was representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee near this Grand Lodge. In social life he was most highly respected, and few men have filled more important public positions, of which we note the following:—Was appointed collector of customs, July, 1838; elected to represent Welland in the House of Commons in 1857; appointed Stipendiary Magistrate in 1864, with jurisdiction over the whole Western Canada frontier; was specially charged with the protection of H. R. H. Prince Arthur, on the occasion of his visit to Canada in 1869; elected to represent Cartier in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, and was appointed speaker of the House.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, New Jersey, died 15th December, 1890, thus passing away the oldest Grand Secretary in the world, having filled the position for forty-eight consecutive years up to the time of his death. A writer, in referring to the deceased brother, says:—"He was a typical primitive Freemason; he was imbued with the spirit of 'Ye Ancient Masonry'; he had no sympathy with what he considered unnecessary extravagances, and was exceedingly plain and unostentatious in his habits and appearance. He was always kind and obliging, generous to a fault, and always willing to grant his services, aid and counsel whenever asked, and no greater eulogy could possibly be spoken of him than that he was every inch a man and a Mason."

R.·. W.·. Bro. Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of California, died 28th December, 1890, in the 73rd year of his age. In referring to this sad event an intimate friend says: "As the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge he had no superior. To be elected to it thirty-six times in succession in a jurisdiction like this, in the face of and in opposition to the large number of bright, able and ambitious men, who have honorably sought its high honors and have made its duties a study, is without a parallel in Masonry. His charities were equalled only by his modesty; he was an intense lover of his race, kind, benevolent, generous, convivial and social to a fault.

R.·. W.·. Bro. F. H. Church, Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Utah, died August 2nd, 1890. He is said to have been an independent and fearless man. His highest ambition was to be just, and this being acknowledged by his fellow citizens, he filled many positions of honor and trust. At the time of his death he represented this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Utah.

Kentucky mourns the loss of Past Grand Masters M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Eginton and M.·. W.·. Bro. Hiram Bassett; Maryland of M.·. W.·. Bro. John S. Tyson; Minnesota of M.·. W.·. Bro. Caleb Henry Benton.

It is also my painful duty to refer to the accident to our esteemed Grand Senior Warden R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson, in a railway smash-up in Seattle, he being badly crushed and scalded. The latest report I have received states he is improving slowly. We trust he will continue to improve, and earnestly hope that the Most High, in His wise providence will see fit to restore him to health and strength.

State of Masonry.

In reviewing the events of the past year as affecting the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction, I am gratified to report a general prosperity.

The condition of the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction compares very favorably with their standing of former years, and peace and harmony generally prevail. No better evidence of this is required than the fact that during my term of office I have not been called on to decide any question of complaint or dispute.

Foreign Relations.

Our relations with foreign Jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence remain as harmonious in every particular as they have been in the past.

I have received a communication from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, fraternally requesting our recognition. This will be laid before you for your consideration.

I have made a number of appointments of representatives near other Grand Lodges, full particulars of which will be given by the Grand Secretary, who will also submit a report of appointments of representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

By-Laws.

I have during the year examined and approved the By-Laws of the following Lodges:—Neepawa, No. 24; Qu'Appelle, No. 34; Assiniboine, No. 7; Oak Lake, No. 44; also amendments to the By-Laws of the following Lodges:—Ionic, No. 25; Prince Rupert's, No. 1; Prince of Wales, No. 14.

I disallowed the following amendment to the By-Laws of Stonewall Lodges, No. 12. on the ground that Masons are bound to the discharge of their duties, by motives more powerful than any which could be furnished by the fear of the

imposition of a pecuniary penalty. To allow a breach of these obligations to be satisfied by a money payment would in my mind be to detract from their solemnity and binding nature.

The proposed amendment reads as follows :

"And that officers not attending the Lodge at the time fixed in the summons, nor sending a written notice of such absence, nor giving a reason which shall be accepted as satisfactory at the next Lodge, shall be fined as follows :—W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·. and J.·. W.·., 50 cents ; S.·. D.·., J.·. D.·., Secretary, Treasurer, and Tyler, 25 cents, to be added to the charity fund."

Lodges Constituted.

The Lodges named below, chartered at our last annual communication, were formally constituted by brethren specially appointed for that purpose :

Lebanon, No. 43, Virden ; Oak Lake, No. 44, Oak Lake.

New Lodges.

I have issued dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges :

July 16, 1890 ....Ashlar Lodge, Whitewood, Assa.
July 22, 1890 ..... .Glenboro Lodge, Glenboro, Man.
Dec. 29, 1890..... .....Temple Lodge. McGregor, Man.
Mch. 26, 1890 .....Killarney Lodge, Killarney, Man.
April 2, 1891.....Treherne Lodge, Treherne, Man.

The dispensation of Spitzie Lodge, Pincher Creek, Alberta, and Wapananung Lodge, Broadview, Assa., having been continued at our last Annual Communication, the petitions for charters and other papers will be laid before you.

Other Dispensations.

To wear Regalia at Divine Service :

June 20, 1890. .....Emerson Lodge, No. 6.
" 20, " ....Neepawa Lodge, No. 24.
" 20, " .....Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 25.
Dec. 3, " .....Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.
" 6, " .....Battle Lodge, No. 38.
" 18, " .....Kinistino Lodge, No. 16.

June 27, 1890, to Doric Lodge, No. 36, to install officers at other time than provided in By-Laws.

Nov. 2, 1890, to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, to confer the M.·. M.·. degree on Bro. Wm. F. Godson without the required seven days notice, he being about to leave for England.

Dec. 6, 1890, to Belmont Lodge, No. 13, to transact the general business at an emergent meeting in Dec., the date of regular meeting falling on Christmas day.

Jan. 6, 1891, to Cascade Lodge, No. 42, to install Bro. Robert Wynn, W.·. M.·., illness having prevented him from being present at the regular time.

March 31, 1891, to King Solomon Lodge, No. 8, to receive and act upon the petition of John McKillop, of LaSalle, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Winnipeg Lodges, these Lodges having previously waived jurisdiction.

I granted permission to Spitzie Lodge, U. D., to hold its regular meeting on the Friday on or before full moon instead of the first Friday in each month ; and to Wapananung Lodge, U. D., to change its officers, those named in dispensation having removed from the Jurisdiction.

I have on several occasions refused to grant dispensations to appear in regalia at balls and public dinners.

Healing.

Application having been made on behalf of a clandestine mason, stating that through ignorance he had received the degrees of Masonry in a lodge holding a warrant from the so called Grand Lodge of Ontario, and now wished to join a lodge under our Grand Lodge. I caused the healing of the clandestine, adopting the procedure followed in the Grand Lodge of Canada, which is given in the address of M.·. W.·. Bro. Henry Robertson, Grand Master of Canada in 1888, and contained in the Proceedings of that year, as follows :

" To heal is in reality to re-make the irregular mason, abbreviating the ceremonies and omitting the monitorial instructions, but giving the essentials as in the case of a profane. If the essentials are already correctly known they may also be omitted, and then the healing ceremony would be comprised in the administration of the obligations of secrecy and fealty to the Grand Lodge. When parties who have been irregularly made Masons are " healed " by the order of the Grand Master, they then immediately become regular Masons, but non-affiliated, and they may apply to and join any regular Lodge that is willing to receive them as members.

" The points to which attention was directed, and upon which I desired full information before granting these dispensations, were as follows :

" 1. The moral character of the candidate.

" 2. How he was led to join the irregular body.

" 3. When he was initiated.

" 4. How many degrees he received, and when.

" 5. When he found out his mistake.

" 6. How much he paid.

" 7. The amount charged by the regular Lodges in the vicinity for initiation, and

" 8. For affiliation, and

" 9. If the Lodge where he lives would be likely to accept him."

The procedure adopted by me was as follows :

1. The presentation of a petition, signed by the candidate, setting forth the facts.

2. The recommendation of this petition by not less than three regular Master Masons in good standing.

3. The enquiries as above set forth.

4. The issue of the dispensation to the D. D. G. M. with

5. Instructions for healing and requiring all the obligations to be administered in full.

6. The issue of a certificate of healing by the D. D. G. M.

7. The presentation of this certificate to the Lodge to which the candidate applies for affiliation, and

8. The issue of a Grand Lodge certificate after the brother has become affiliated.

9. The healing fee was fixed at $20, subject to be reduced in special cases to $10.

As recommended by the Board of General Purposes, I healed proceedings of Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, in receiving and acting upon the petition of Bro. Rev. Charles R. Littler, who had not resided the required time in the Jurisdiction of the Neepawa Lodge.

Official Visits.

I made the following official visitations during my term of office :

Oct. 24th, 1890.....Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14.
Dec. 22nd, 1890... .....Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.
Jan. 7th, 1891.....St. John's Lodge, No. 4.
Mch. 9th, " .....Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3.
" 11th, " .....Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.
April 15th, " .....Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7.
" 21st, " .....Corinthian Lodge, No. 15.
" 22nd, " ....Neepawa Lodge, No. 24.
" 27th, " .....Carberry Lodge, No. 29.
" 28th, " .....Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.
" 30th, " ....Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.
May 1st, " . .....Ashlar Lodge, U.D.
" 5th, " .....Birtle Lodge, No. 39.
" 12th, " .....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.

The Free Mason's Hospital.

It affords me great pleasure to refer to the efforts being made by the members of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, to erect a hospital in Morden for the benefit of the distressed. As full particulars will be laid before you, I will content myself by asking a generous support from Grand Lodge, each subordinate Lodge as well as each individual Mason.

Laying Corner Stones.

July 1st, 1890, by request of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, assisted by the officers of Grand Lodge, I had the pleasure of laying the corner stone of their new Masonic Hall, with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

Albert Edward Preceptory and Priory, No. 52, kindly offiered their services as escort, which I gladly accepted, and to the Sir Knights I tender my sincere thanks for their attendance.

A large number of visiting brethren were present, and as a natural result a very pleasant time was spent.

From the foundation a structure has been erected that is not only a credit to Prince of Wales Lodge in particular, but to the whole Craft in the Jurisdiction.

I have since had the pleasure of meeting the brethren within its walls, and congratulate them on having one of the finest halls in the Jurisdiction.

I was made the recipient of a handsome silver trowel from the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, presented by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters have been received by me and will repay a careful perusal.

I congratulate the officers of Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the earnest and faithful manner in which they have discharged their every duty, particularly having officially visited every Lodge in their respective Districts, from which I am confident much good will result.

I have much pleasure in recommending that Grand Lodge confer on the following brethren the rank and title of R.·. W.·. Past District Deputy Grand Master :

V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie.....No. 1, or Winnipeg District.
" " " Bryon Fraser.....No. 2, or Emerson District.
" " " S. R. Marlatt .....No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.
" " " J. F. Boyd .....No. 4, or Minnedosa District.
" " " John Caldwell.....No. 5, or Brandon District.
" " " Geo. E. Applegarth....No. 6, or Saskatchewan District.
" " " Duncan J. Campbell....No. 7, or Alberta District.

The report of V.·. W.·. Bro. D. McIntosh of District No. 9, speaks for itself but as Bro. McIntosh has visited all Lodges in his District, except two unofficially, I would recommend his case to the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge.

The Premier's Death.

Yet another great grief must I announce to you, brethren. I refer to the death of R.·.W.·. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, G. C. B., Prime Minister of Canada, who passed away Saturday, June 6th, 1891, aged 76 years.

From the time his dangerous illness first became known the greatest anxiety pervaded not only our Dominion but England as well, and all eyes (from the Queen upon the throne to the humblest subject) were turned towards Canada's great statesman as he lingered between life and death. To-day we mourn his death. His memory we will ever cherish.

Our departed brother was admitted into Freemasonry in Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston, in 1844, and remained a member up to the time of his death ; he was a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

As a public man he had few, if any, equals, and was the oldest member of the Canadian Parliament, with a record of forty-seven years of unbroken service. Into the hands of the Great Architect of the universe we commend the soul of our beloved brother ; to the bereaved wife and members of the family we extend our deepest sympathy, earnestly praying that the Most High in His great mercy will sustain and comfort them in their hour of sorrow.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I desire to make grateful acknowledgment to the members of Grand Lodge and the Craft generally, who have so highly honored me in the past, with the assurance that in discharging the duties devolving upon me as Grand Master, I have earnestly endeavored to promote the peace and harmony of the Craft and to maintain and uphold the dignity of our time-honored institution to the best of my ability. To what may have seemed to you errors I ask you to cover with the broad mantle of Masonic charity, being (as you all are brethren) cognizant of the fact : "to err is human, to forgive divine"; and as in a few hours I shall return you the gavel of authority my earnest wish is that the Most High will prosper us in all our undertakings, that the Order we love so well may continue to flourish, assuring you of this fact, that the experience and recollections of this year's service as your Grand Master will be ever cherished in my memory, and enable me, I trust, to prove more faithful and diligent in the great work of the Order in the elevation of man to a higher, purer and nobler manhood ; and now brethren let us enter upon the work committed to our hands in a spirit of concord, and with a firm resolve to perform the duties assigned us faithfully and honorably to the end, that we may deserve the commendation of our brethren, the honor of our profession, and at the same time glorify the Great Architect of the universe.

JAMES ALEXANDER OVAS,
Grand Master.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. J. Ptolemy (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris (4), the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1—Winnipeg District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Free Masonry in District No. 1.

I have visited each of the eight Lodges in this District once officially, and the five city Lodges each several times.

On Dec. 27th, 1890, assisted by W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson and other W.·. Bros., I installed the officers of the five city Lodges.

The degree of Installed Master was conferred on the W.·. M's.·. elect.

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 is in a very prosperous state, W.·. Bro. T. W. Leggo and his officers being very efficient; the books correct in form and well kept; attendance good ; by-laws being observed with respect to members in arrears for dues. During the year W.·. Bros. C. N. Bell and J. Hurssell gave several very instructive and enjoyable lectures. W.·. Bro. J. H. Munson, P. M., was presented by the Lodge with a P. M. Jewel.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2 is in good condition financially and otherwise. At the time of my visit a number of members were in arrears with dues, but the W.·. M.·. has since informed me that the majority have paid up. The W.·. M.·. and officers are well up in their work and have everything running smoothly. The historical Register has not been written up for several years, but R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott has kindly offered to do this work.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 is the strongest in the District, W.·. Bro. McDiarmid and officers being very efficient and have all they can attend to, the candidates being numerous and of a high class. W.·. Bro. W. A. Windatt was presented by the Lodge with a P. M. Jewel to mark their appreciation of his services.

St. John's Lodge No 4 is doing good work, W.·. Bro. Braden and his officers keeping the Lodge up to its usual standard. Good balance in bank. W.·. Bro. Aird's services were appreciated, as shown by the Lodge presenting him with a handsome P. M. Jewel.

Emerson Lodge No. 6.—I visited this Lodge, accompanied by W.·. Bro. Windatt, and we were warmly welcomed. The Lodge is in a first class condition,

the work being perfect, considerable amount being given to charity; Constitution and By-Laws being adhered to; books in good order. Much of the success of the Lodge is due to W.·. Bros. T. W. Muchmor and A. E. Hopkinson. The Lodge would have materially increased in membership had it not been for removals from Emerson and District, many members having dimitted in consequence.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 10 is in a prosperous condition, and only requires a few more energetic members to be one of the best in the District. W.·. Bro. W. J. Akin has a good staff of officers, but unfortunately the Jr. Warden, Bro. W. T. White, has been called away to England. The good wishes of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance accompany him. The Secretary, Bro. C. Graburn, has the books in good order.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12—I visited this Lodge in April, accompanied by Bro. E. C. Goulding, and found everything satisfactory. Building owned by the Lodge and neatly furnished. Good balance in the bank. Attendance good, and W.·. M.·. and officers well up in the work. The R.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. A. W. Goulding, being the W.·. M.·., we of course expected nothing else from the Lodge. After labor we were treated to a bountiful spread provided by the Lodge, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, under the energetic direction of W.·. Bro. Jackson, is enjoying a "boom," numerous candidates of a high order being received. The work is well done, all the officers being well skilled. The attendance is good and the lodge opens on time, a point to which I would direct the attention of other Lodges in the District. On my official visit I advised that the Lodge increase its initiation fee to $35.00, same as charged by other city Lodges.

Peace and Harmony prevail throughout the District.

I think that the social side of Free Masonry could be cultivated a little more with profit to the brethren individually and collectively, and would suggest that the Lodges take this matter up and work up a little enthusiasm, during the winter season especially.

Prince Rupert's Lodge gave a conversazione, which I am told was very enjoyable. Unfortunately I was not able to attend, being called away on business. During my absence I visited New York City, having a letter of introduction to R.·. W.·. Bro. Ehlers and received a hearty welcome.

I have to thank R.·. W.·. Bro. Ehlers for a bronze medal commemorating the freedom of the craft in New York City from debt.

I also desire to thank R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Moore, D. D. G. M., New York, for courtesies extended.

The Masonic Library is being well patronized Great credit is due R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott and Bro. John Chambers for the interest they have taken and valuable time given to further the improvement of the Library.

Bro. N. F. Davin, of Regina, gave a lecture in the interests of the Library, which I think would bear repeating this coming winter.

I enclose herewith a statement of the Relief Board showing that during the year there has been expended for relief, the sum of one hundred and eighteen dollars and five cents ($118.05) ; the balance of cash on hand is one hundred and eighty dollars and thirty cents ($180.30). There were the usual number of unworthy applicants. All Lodges have contributed their portion to this relief work.

I wish to thank the brethren for many kindnesses extended to me during my official career as D. D. G. M.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN LESLIE,

D. D. G. M., Number 1 or Winnipeg District.

No. 2.—Emerson District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

In submitting my report for the year 1890-91 I have great pleasure in stating that Free Masonry in my District continues in a satisfactory condition, and on the whole is one of progress.

As you will see by detailed report, there has been a large increase in membership. I have also to report three new Lodges instituted—one at Glenboro, one at Treherne, and one at Killarney; and just here I would suggest to the Committee on Redistribution of Districts that the first two be detached from Emerson District as it is inconvenient and expensive visiting them from any point on the C.P.R South-Western Railway.

I hope to report the healing of C. A. Bell, of Morden, who was made a Mason in a Lodge holding a warrant from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

I have pleasure in stating that, with the exception of Glenboro Lodge, all the Lodges in the District are working uniformly, both in ritual and ceremonial, and also that the true spirit of Masonry is becoming more diffused among the brethren

One of the prominent features of practical Masonry in this District is the institution of measures by the members of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, to erect a hospital in Morden for the benefit of the distressed, whether of the Craft or otherwise ; the building fund to be derived wholly from the Craft. From my knowledge of this Lodge, and of the inception of the scheme, I am convinced that the motives of the brethren in building this hospital are wholly Masonic, and that thep are impelled to undertake it by a conscientious appreciation of their duty as Masons to render themselves serviceable to mankind. The members of the Lodge have responded freely to the call for funds, and shown the bona fides of

their professions by subscribing from the funds of the Lodge $200, and individually about $1,000, in all $1,200. As the matter will be brought before the Grand Lodge I will not further amplify the scheme, but content myself by commending it to your kindly consideration, and ask you to do what you can to strengthen these young Masons in their praiseworthy efforts to aid the suffering, and thus show forth to the world something of the nobility of Masonry.

Acting upon instructions from this Grand Lodge I notified the suspended Lodges, Oakland, No. 9, and Pembina, No. 20, that they were at liberty to resume work. I regret to report that Pembina Lodge, No. 20, has not done so, and as I see no hope for the future I would recommend that their charter be forfeited. I had two informal meetings with the brethren of Oakland Lodge, No. 9, and tried to infuse a little enthusiasm into them. Shortly after my last visit, which was in April, they had a meeting and decided to keep the Lodge alive. This Lodge is unfortunate in having some members whose Masonic conduct is not commendable, who, instead of maintaining the honor of Masonry, have brought ridicule and ignominy on the Craft by their actions one to the other. However, a number of good Masons have moved into the jurisdiction since the Lodge was suspended, and who are willing and anxious to affiliate with the Lodge. and with some new blood and a little weeding I think it may recover.

Glenboro Lodge, U.D., Glenboro.

On the 2nd August I received a dispensation to institute this Lodge, and had the pleasure of starting them on August 7th. They started under very favorable circumstances, having a large field and good material. Unfortunately, in February, 1891, they received a set-back by losing their Lodge room and contents (including books) by fire, but with commendable zeal and enthusiasm they, Phœnix-like, arose from the ashes, and on the 13th April I paid them an official visit and saw their first degree conferred on two candidates.

This Lodge adopted the Ancient York (or American) work. Although I am familiar with it and admire it, I am not in favor of new Lodges adopting it for two reasons. First, it requires more well skilled officers than we ever find in a new Lodge, and to be properly and impressively performed, requires more paraphernalia than a new Lodge can afford. However, the work done here was creditable to the Lodge. As I had no opportunity of examining the books I cannot report on their condition, but I am free to express my opinion that Bro. Francis is careful and correct in his work.

Treherne Lodge, U.D., Treherne.

I instituted this Lodge on the evening of April 14th, 1890. There were ten names on the petition, but on account of delay in getting dimits they have only seven charter members. The officers in charge are well skilled and enthusiastic, and I am sure that the work will prosper under their guidance. They have provided themselves with everything necessary to work in conformity to the rites of the order. They have had two meetings and had three initiations.

Killarney Lodge, U.D., Killarney.

I forwarded the necessary papers in connection with the formation of this Lodge on February 23rd, and received dispensation April 27th. They started with fourteen charter members in a convenient room, better furnished than some of the older Lodges. With plenty of enthusiasm, tempered with discretion they are sure to prosper. A number of visiting brethren from Doric Lodge, Boissevain, and Deloraine Lodge were present on the occasion. By request I held a Lodge of instruction and exemplified the work of the first degree, and closed a very pleasant evening by partaking of refreshments provided by Bro. McCann of the Leland House.

No. 8.—King Solomon's Lodge, Morris.

I made my official visit to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 8, on the evening of May 5th. This Lodge has not been in a very flourishing condition for some years, but I am pleased to be able to report that within the last year a marked improvement has taken place, and they have every reason to believe that they are entering upon an era of prosperity. The present officers are painstaking in their work and meet weekly for practice.

Two initiations (one of which I took) and one passing was the work of the evening, which were performed in accordance with established mode. The Minute Book, Ledger and Attendance Register are correctly kept. I advised them to get a Cash Book, Historical Register and Black Book, as required by the Constitution. The average attendance is good in comparison with other Lodges, and there are only three members in arrears. Their Lodge room is large and convenient, but not very well furnished, but as they have applied their surplus cash to practical charity there is no room for complaint. The greatest harmony prevails among the brethren, and they are determined to admit none but the very best.

No. 13.—Belmont Lodge, Morden.

This is the banner Lodge in No. 2 District; with comfortable Lodge room, well furnished and equipped, efficient officers and plenty of work, Belmont Lodge is surely coming up to the standard of Masonic perfection. Charity is practised in act as well as word among the brethren.

As I am a member of this Lodge it has been my privilege to attend all the meetings. However, I visited officially on the evening of St. John's night, December 27th, and I installed the officers. The books and records are well kept and in accordance with the Constitution. The necessary regalia for the use of the D. D. Grand Master in paying official visits was provided by this Lodge, Manitou Lodge, No. 30, and Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, paying their quota. They had 21 meetings in the year, with an average attendance of 25 members.

On Sunday, 22nd. June, this Lodge attended divine service. P. G. Master M.·. W.·. Bro. Canon S. P. Matheson preached a practical and eloquent sermon, which was much appreciated by the brethren.

No. 30.—Manitou Lodge, Manitou.

Accompanied by W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, of Belmont Lodge, I paid this Lodge an official visit on the evening of September 26th, and found a goodly number of the brethren present.

I had the pleasure of the seeing the three degrees (first, second and third) conferred on candidates by W.·. Bro. R. D. Foley, who performed his task in a manner most creditable to himself and Lodge. The subordinate officers were not so well skilled as might be expected from the material. The books in the hands of W.·. Bro. W. F. Ellis were well written up. Although this Lodge has very little money on hand, it is progressing, and I think a good Masonic feeling exists among the brethren. I noticed a want of decorum among some of the brethren, and I think an interchange of visits would help them in that line.

No. 36.—Doric Lodge, Boissevain.

I visited this Lodge on the night of their regular meeting, April 22nd, and saw three F. C.'s raised to the sublime degree of M. M. Owing to the absence of the W.·. M.·., the degrees were conferred by Past Masters Bain and Highman, both skilled and efficient officers. For accuracy of ritual, this Lodge is second to none in the District. They have provided themselves with new jewels and charts, and have as complete a Lodge as any in the Jurisdiction.

They own their Lodge room, which will soon be clear of debt. The books are neatly and correctly kept, with the exception of the Historical Register, which has not been in their possession for over two years. I was informed that it was in the possession of the Grand Secretary ; who had it for the purpose of writing in some information they were not in possession of. There has been no Auditor's report for the last two years, but I was assured it would be presented at the next regular meeting. The candidates for advancement passed the best examination I ever listened to. The record shows an increase of membership.

No. 40.—Deloraine Lodge, Deloraine.

On the 27th August, I visited Deloraine Lodge. This was the first offiicial visit I made, and the first they had received, consequently we were all filled with enthusiasm. This Lodge is handicapped for want of a suitable Lodge room, the the meetings being held in the public hall, the only available building ; otherwise the Lodge is in a satisfactory condition.

The third degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner by W.·. Bro. J. E. Maynard, assisted by his efficient wardens. The books are neatly kept, and with the exception of the Historical Register, are in accordance with Constitution. This Lodge has had considerable trouble in adopting new By-laws on account of the obstinacy of a few members, but I believe the objection has been removed, and they are now working in harmony.

I have the usual complaint to make of the following Lodges for not sending me a copy of summons as required by Constitution :—King Solomon, No. 8 ; Doric, No. 36, and Deloraine, No. 40.

The following Lodges paid my expenses:—Manitou, No. 30, Glenboro, U.D., and Treherne, U.D.

In closing this report I wish to thank the brethren of this District for placing me in the honorable position of D. D. G. M., and for the attention, support and many courtesies accorded me while performing my official duties.

I have no apology to offer as I have discharged the obligations pertaining to the office to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

BYRON FRASER,

D. D. G. M., No. 2, or Emerson District

EMERSON DISTRICT, No. 2.

No.	Name.	Membership.									Meetings.		Degrees Conferred.						
	Lodges.	No. on Roll May, 1890.	No. on Roll May, 1891.	Increase.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions.	Died.	Average Attendance.	Regular.	Emergent.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Amount Paid for Relief.	No. Members over 12 mos. in arrears.	Total arrears of dues.	Insurance.
U.D.	Killarney	....	14	14	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....
U.D.	Treherne	....	10	10	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	.....	....	.....	....
U.D.	Glenboro	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....
8	King Solomon	18	21	3	....	1	1	....	....	10	12	....	3	3	3	.....	....	.....	....
9	Oakland	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....
13	Belmont	62	73	11	6	....	3	....	1	20	13	8	9	9	7	$250.00	14	$78.50	....
30	Manitou	34	42	8	3	....	....	....	....	15	10	4	5	5	5	.....	11	142.50	....
36	Doric	32	37	5	2	....	4	....	1	12	11	5	8	8	6	....	4	89.00	....
40	Deloraine	34	35	1	....	....	1	....	....	14	12	....	2	2	4	$15.00	10	91.25	....

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Portage la Prairie District, No. 3.

Temple Lodge U.D., situate at McGregor. Acting under dispensation from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, I instituted this Lodge on the evening of January the 23rd, 1891, a number of the brethren of Assiniboine Lodge assisting. R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson gave the members of the new Lodge some very good advice in regard to Lodge work, which they very much appreciated.

The Masters, Wardens and other officers of this Lodge are full of Masonic zeal, and it will not be their fault if the Lodge is not a success. A number of the members of this Lodge were formerly members of Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.

The progress of this Lodge will necessarily be slow for some time as the district tributary to it is sparsely settled.

The visiting brethren and myself were entertained in a most hospitable manner by members of Temple Lodge.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24.

I visited this Lodge on the 31st of July last. About fifteen members were present. Many members of this Lodge reside out of the town, and as it was a busy time of the year for the farmers, the attendance was not so large as usual. This Lodge has not made much progress the last year, but the material in the Lodge is good ; they meet regularly. The books are in good shape, and the finances in a satisfactory condition.

A great improvement could be made in the work by the officers giving it a little more attention, which no doubt they would had they more work on hand.

I was kindly received and entertained by the members of this Lodge. As the Lodge is situated in one of the most flourishing towns in the province, and is possessed of very neat and well-furnished rooms, Masonry should make progress here.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.

I have paid two visits to this Lodge, August 1st, 1890, and May 19th, 1891, On my first visit the elements were against us. A very heavy rain at the time of meeting kept many of the country members at home who would otherwise have attended, still we had a pleasant meeting. This Lodge has always been noted for the excellence of its work, and on this occasion it sustained its reputation.

On my first visit a number of members of Assiniboine, No. 7, accompanied me. A profitable evening was spent, principally in illustrating the work. This Lodge, of late years has lost many of its members by removal ; still, owing to the excel-

lence of its masters, the Lodge still holds its own. The finances are in a satisfactory condition, the books carefully kept, and the members look with confidence to the future. At both visits the visiting brethren and myself were treated in a most fraternal manner.

ASSINIBOINE LODGE No. 7, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

As a member of this Lodge I have attended most of the meetings held during the past year. Since the amalgamation of the two Lodges in this town Masonry has made great progress. Meetings, both regular and emergent, are well attended. The work is done almost to perfection, records well kept, finances in good shape. A benevolent fund of 20 per cent. of the gross proceeds of the Lodge is devoted to relieve indigent brethren.

In conclusion let me say that peace and harmony prevail in this District. I have attended to all the duties assigned to me by the Grand Secretary. I desire to impress upon Grand Lodge the advisability of employing a paid lecturer to visit Lodges in country districts and instruct them in their work. If this cannot be done Masters of Lodges should be made to pass a most thorough examination before being installed. The former method I consider would be the best, as frequent visits from the lecturer would create enthusiasm, and Lodges would vie with each other in perfecting their work.

Fraternally submitted,

S. R. MARLATT,

D. D. G. M., No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.

No. 4.—Minnedosa District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

It gives me much pleasure to submit my annual report on the state of Masonry in No. 4, or Minnedosa District.

The M.·. W.·. Past Grand Master, Canon O'Meara, stated in his address last year that "Masonry was the friend and hand-maiden of religion, and a moral power lifting our lives to loftier levels of true manhood, to noble scorn of selfishness, and a noble passion for generous self-sacrifice and a pervading kindliness and love." Because I believe this to be true, it gives me unbounded pleasure and satisfaction to be able to state that I believe never before in the history of this District has the true spirit of Masonry shone forth with greater brilliancy and effect than it has during the Masonic year now closing.

Peace and prosperity reign throughout the District, and Masonry is progressing favorably and steadily.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Cuddy stated in his report last year that "Prince of Wales" Lodge No. 14, was contemplating the erection of a Masonic Hall in Minnedosa.

This, I am proud to say, has since been accomplished ; the corner stone having been laid by the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, assisted by M.·. W.·. Bro. Canon O'Meara, Grand Secretary, W. G. Scott, and others, on July 1st, 1890, with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

The building, which is of stone, is 30 x 60 feet, making a fine store with plate-glass front below, and the Lodge room above, and cost $4,000, more than half of which has been subscribed by the brethren of the Lodge.

Under the auspices of Prince of Wales Lodge, an excursion was run from Winnipeg, which brought in a large number of distinguished members of the Craft, including the Knights Templars in their handsome uniform, whose evolutions were greatly admired by the crowd of onlookers.

The first meeting in the new hall was held on October 24th, when the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master was present, and also other brethren from Corinthian Lodge. The Grand Master complimented Prince of Wales Lodge on the energy and pluck displayed by them, and said he believed the hall to be the finest owned by any Masonic Lodge in this extensive jurisdiction.

On Dec. 27th, 1890, R.·. W.·. Bro. James Leslie, at my request, installed the officers of Prince of Wales Lodge, and also W.·. Bro. John Lane, W. M. of Birtle Lodge.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15.

On Nov. 4th accepting an invitation, some ten or twelve Minnedosa brethren visited the above Lodge ; M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Master, occupied the east, M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson, of Winnipeg, was present and delivered a very instructive address. The Rapid City brethren served refreshments, and we had a very pleasant and profitable time, and returned, feeling, as on former occasions, that our visit to Corinthian Lodge had been beneficial to all.

On May 5th, accompanied by R.·. W.·. Bro. T. A. Cuddy, W.·. Bro. A. C. Sewell and Bro. Isaac Cookman, I paid them an official visit. As the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master is a member of this Lodge, I, of course, expected to find everything as nearly perfect as possible, though he was absent that evening on official business. We had the pleasure of seeing the first and second Degrees conferred by W.·. Bro. George L. Stone and R.·. W.·. Bro. James Rogerson, respectively. Their hall is now finished and they are very comfortable. The zeal and energy displayed by the brethren would do credit to many larger Lodges.

The books are neatly kept, and the finances are in a satisfactory condition, while the membership is increasing steadily.

The brethren served a nice lunch in the hall, and as usual treated us right royally.

Birtle Lodge, No. 39.

I visited this Lodge on April 7th, and am glad to say that under W.·. Bro. John Lane's guidance it is progressing favorably.

Their Lodge room, though small, is very comfortable, neat, and nicely carpeted.

The greatest difficulty they have to contend with is in getting a good attendance, owing to the fact of so many of their members residing a considerable distance from the town, which makes it next thing to impossible for them to attend regularly.

The books are well and neatly kept, and they have a balance in the Treasury.

"PRINCE OF WALES" LODGE, No. 14.

As this is my mother Lodge, and I am a regular attendant, I did not think it necessary to visit it officially. Under the energetic rule of W.·. Bro. A. C. Sewell, P.M., and R.·.W.·. Bro. T. A. Cuddy, the present W.·. M.·., the Lodge is making steady progress, and I believe the class of work done by them is second to none, and the fact of their having built, as stated before, the finest hall owned by any Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction, is proof of their energy as a lodge and their zeal for our noble order.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for nominating me to this honorable position, and I can bespeak for my successor the same kind consideration at the hands of the brethren that has been extended to me during my term of office, and I pray that the Great Architect of the universe may continue to preserve our order by cementing and adorning it with every moral and social virtue.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. FRANKLIN BOYD,

D. D. G. M., No. 4, or Minnedosa District.

No. 5.—Brandon District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

In submitting my Report as District Deputy Grand Master of No. 5, or Brandon District, I do so very reluctantly, as I feel in my private capacity, I was unable to devote that attention to the various Lodges within my Jurisdiction which I think should be given to such a high and honorable institution as Freemasonry. I am glad to state to this Grand Lodge that I visited each of the Lodges within my District, and am happy to say that peace and harmony prevail among the members of the various Lodges. I shall endeavor to give you the standing of each Lodge separately.

OAK LAKE LODGE, No. 44.

I was instructed by the M.·. W.·., the Grand Master, to constitute and install the officers of this Lodge, which I did on August 10th, 1890. I found the members were provided with a suitable hall, neatly furnished ; with a full supply of

Lodge books, and appropriate regalia. There were about fifteen members in attendance. I found W.·. Bro. Shaw well skilled, and fully competent to carry on the work of Masonry, supported by good efficient officers. I made an official visit on April 28th, 1891, and found the Lodge in a prosperous condition, happening on this occasion to be present with the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, who made an able address on Freemasonry generally. The membership is steadily increasing. The work is well done. The Secretary keeps his books neatly, and according to Constitution ; and I can assure Grand Lodge that Oak Lake Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.

I was also instructed by the M.·. W.·., the Grand Master to constitute and install the officers of this Lodge, which I did on August 27th, 1890. I found a neat and commodious Lodge room, well furnished, with suitable furniture. The officers were installed in due and ancient form, having the assistance of V.·. W.·. Bro. J. J. Dunlop and W.·. Bro. Russell H. Reed. After the Lodge was closed we spent a pleasant evening in the Lodge room, where the Junior Warden did not forget the wants of the inner man.

I made an official visit to this Lodge on May 19th, 1891. I found a membership of 30 in good standing. The working of the Lodge was satisfactory. The books were kept neatly, and according to Constitution, and no brethren in arrears.

The Lodge deeply regretted the loss of two of its members, Bro. Alexander Gemmel and W.·. Bro. Russell H. Reed, and did not murmur in showing where true Masonic charity reigned, in looking after the closing scenes of our departed brothers. I feel that under the guidance of W.·. Bro. Robert Adamson, Lebanon Lodge will push ahead and increase. The average attendance of members, 14. No insurance on their furniture.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29.

I was unable to pay my official visit to this Lodge until June 6th, 1891, and regret to say that Carberry Lodge has not made progress in membership during the past year. They only held eight meetings, with an average attendance of ten members at each meeting.. They have a suitable hall, and have good, efficient officers, who are ably assisted by R.·. W.·. Bros. W. W. Ireland and M. Collins, and W.·. Bro. J. Dickson. Several of its members have moved away, but I have every confidence that W.·. Bro. W. Dickie will have this Lodge in a sound condition shortly.

I find that the Lodge is not supplied with suitable books for the Secretary to do his work properly. This want, I trust, will be supplied, and the Lodge put on a good sound basis. There is a balance of about $50, with very few members in arrears. I impressed on the members present the importance of assisting the officers, and of a punctual attendance at the meetings. Many of our country Lodges do not open their Lodges at the hour mentioned in the notice.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 29.

I visited this Lodge on May 22nd, 1891, and examined its books. I found a membership of over forty in good standing. The dues were paid up, and a large surplus in the bank. The hall was not commodious enough to carry on the work of conferring degrees, but was assured that a more suitable one will shortly be completed. I found W.·. Bro. Geo. A. Coulter well skilled in the mystic art. He has to drive some 20 miles to attend each meeting. I found the average attendance small, being about 13, in a total membership of 43. This Lodge has three Past Masters, who render the Lodge able assistance when required. The books were not kept in accordance with Constitution. The Secretary has to drive several miles to attend its meetings, but I trust that Glenwood Lodge will remedy this matter shortly.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19.

This is the banner Lodge of the wheat city of the west. I visited this Lodge officially on December 27th, 1890, and installed its officers. This Lodge is making a gradual growth, having a membership of about 90 in good standing. The Lodge room is a large and commodious one, with suitable furniture, which is fully insured. Its officers are well skilled in the work of Freemasonry, and there are several Past Masters, who confer the several degrees in an able manner. The Lodge books are neatly kept, and in accordance with our Constitution. The attendance is small in comparison to its membership, and I feel that many of its members neglect their duty, as masons, to their Lodge.

I trust that the members of Grand Lodge will see their way clear to devise ways and means to defray the expenses of our future District Deputy Grand Masters in attending at least once in each year the several Lodges under their supervision. I would also suggest that a Grand Lecturer be appointed by this Grand Lodge, whose duty it would be to visit the various Lodges and instruct the various Masters and Past Masters as to a uniformity of ritual.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN COLWELL,
D.D.G.M. No. 5, Brandon District.

No. 6.—Saskatchewan District.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Saskatchewan District, No. 6.

Kinistino Lodge. No 16.

I visited this Lodge officially at their regular communication in February; the third degree was to have been given, but owing to the candidate not being sufficiently well posted, at my request the W.·. M.·. exemplified the working in the first.

I find that both the W.·. M.·., Bro. H. U. Bain, and Secretary, Bro. A. R. Burns are re-elected. The work as exemplified by the W.·.M.·., and the excellent condition in which I found the books will justify the confidence of the Lodge in the re-elections.

The finances are in a satisfactory condition, and since the Lodge has changed to the Canadian work, there has been a marked improvement in the state of Masonry, both as regards affiliated brethren and new members.

BATTLE LODGE. No 38.

I installed the officers on St. John's Day, and paid my official visit on the 6th of May, when I regret to say that the W.·. M.·., Bro. P. J. Williams was unavoidably absent, owing to severe illness. I attend this Lodge regularly, and have seen both the first and second degrees given by him in a very able manner. The officers are all well up in their work. I. P. M., W.·. Bro. F. A. D. Bourke took the east and conferred the third degree.

The books, as kept by Bro. J. B. Parker, are in their usual good state, which is so well known to the Grand Lodge. The finances are in a flourishing state, and several new members have been made during the year.

Masonry in Battle Lodge is not in a perfectly satisfactory state, as owing to the actions of one member who never attends its meetings except to cause trouble or dissension, (which is done with the avowed intention of breaking up the Lodge.) Battle Lodge is fast becoming notorious for its internal strife. This state of things has been going on for the past three years, and at present is in a worse state than usual. If this cause could be removed I see no reason why perfect harmony should not prevail.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. APPLEGARTH,

D. D. G. M., No. 6, Saskatchewan District.

No. 7.—Alberta District.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Masonry in Alberta District, No. 7.

I am pleased to be able to report that Masonry is steadily progressing in this District, and is in a very satisfactory condition.

I believe I am the first D. D. G. M. who has visited all the Lodges in this District, a duty I am pleased to report having performed, and in several cases have made more than one visit. I have seen them all working in the different degrees, as well as heard the lectures delivered on the tracing boards, and con-

sider the officers in the different Lodges well qualified to fill the positions they hold, and well posted in their work.

The following Lodges were visited by me :

Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary.

I had the pleasure of being present at this Lodge, and officiated at the laying of a corner stone in Calgary, on July 21st, 1890. I visited them again officially on 24th November, 1890. There was a large attendance of members present. Owing to the absence of the Worshipful Master, and by request, I conferred the first degree on a candidate, and the Senior Warden delivered the lecture on the tracing board in a most creditable manner. The books were in a satisfactory condition.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on 21st October, 1890, and found them just moving into a new Lodge room. I conferred the P. M. degree on the Worshipful Master. I again visited them, by invitation, on the 27th December, when I had the pleasure of dedicating their new Lodge room, as well as installing the officers. The Lodge has certainly the best Lodge room in this District, and I doubt if a finer one exists in the Territories ; it is well furnished and a great credit to the craft. The work is well done, and the books well kept. I also had the good fortune to attend a most enjoyable banquet given by the Lodge in honor of St. John's Day.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37.

This being my own Lodge, I have attended a great many of its meetings and visited it officially on 4th November, 1890, 2nd December, 1890, and 5th May, 1891. There was a little misunderstanding existing in the Lodge when I was elected D. D. G. M., but I am happy to report that peace and harmony now prevails. The membership is rapidly increasing; the work is well done, and the books satisfactorily kept.

North Star Lodge, No. 41.

I had great pleasure in paying an official visit to this Lodge, on September 8th, 1890, and conferring the P. M. degree on the W.·. M.·. This Lodge keeps up its well earned reputation of being one of the best worked Lodges in the District. The work is done and the lectures given on the tracing board in a manner as near perfection as possible. The books are well kept, and the finances in a good condition.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42.

I visited this Lodge on 25th November, 1890 ; not being able to be present at their regular meeting I called an emergency meeting. The working and the lectures were gone through by the W.·. M.·. in a highly creditable manner. This Lodge is under great disadvantage, owing to the closing of the coal mines, the chief industry in the place, and the town is consequently deserted. The brethren live at considerable distance away, but show great interest in Masonry by their

regular attendance. Great credit is due to the late W.·. M., Bro. H. Ransford for keeping the Lodge together. I trust this year will see it flourishing again.

SPITZIE LODGE, U.D.

I visited this Lodge on December 5th, 1890, and again on 24th April, 1891. This Lodge started last May and has been doing very good work. The officers perform their duties very creditably, and are very enthusiastic, and have made such progress since my first visit that I do strongly recommend that a charter be granted to them.

I have not been called upon to make any judicial decisions during my term of office.

I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren in my official visits the importance of a close scrutiny of the character of applicants for initiation, and the secrecy of the ballot as well as of the proceedings in Lodge.

I would like to see the business of Lodges conducted in the first degree as far as possible, as I think that when a candidate is initiated and becomes thereby a member of a Lodge, he ought to be entitled to vote and take part in the business of the Lodge.

On all my official visits I have been received and entertained in a most cordial manner, and I have endeavored to perform, to the best of my ability, the duties of the high office to which I was elected, in a conscientious and satisfactory manner.

My experience this past year has taught me the necessity of a D. D. G. M. for each District, as also the necessity of regular visitations.

I would here take the opportunity of expressing my hearty thanks to our R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary for the courtesy he has always shewn me, as well as his ever readiness to give me information and instruction.

I cannot conclude without expressing the loss we have sustained by the departure from the District and country of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. Macpherson, Grand Senior Warden, a most zealous and enthusiastic Mason, but business called him away to the Pacific Coast, where I regret to say he has met with a most serious accident ; I trust, however, that he may long be spared to continue the good work he has done for the craft.

Finally I beg to return my thanks for the honor conferred on me by having been elected D. D. G. M. for District No. 7 for the past year, and I hope my successor will be able to report several applications for new Lodges in this District as our country is being rapidly opened up.

All would be greatly pleased in this District if Grand Lodge could see its way to holding its next communication in the Territories.

Fraternally submitted,

DUNCAN JOHN CAMPBELL,

D. D. G. M. No. 7, or Alberta District.

No. 9.—Assiniboia District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Assiniboia District, No. 9, I feel it my duty to apologize to Grand Lodge as well as to the different Lodges in this District, for not discharging my duties as D.D.G.M. Owing to pressure of business I was unable to visit officially all Lodges in this District, having only visited Wascana Lodge during my term of office, on May 5th. I have visited all other Lodges in the District unofficially, with the exceptions of Moosomin and Moose Jaw Lodges, and have reason to believe that all the Lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition, but feel as though I have not performed my duty as a District Deputy, and consider I am justly entitled to a vote of censure for not having visited all Lodges officially.

Wascana Lodge, No. 23.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge officially on May 5th, and am pleased to report that this Lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition, although some of the officers are not well up in their work, yet they are very enthusiastic and I believe the work will be got up in a manner that would do credit to any Lodge. I examined the books of the Lodge, and the Secretary, Bro. W. J. Chisholm, deserves credit for having the books so neatly and carefully written up.

Value of Lodge property	$300 00
Insurance	None.
Total enrolment	90
Present membership	64
Cash on hand	$75 00

Fraternally submitted,

D. McINTOSH,

D.D.G.M. No. 9, or Assiniboia District.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), seconded by W.·. Bro. John J. Jackson (1), the Reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date showing:

Balance on hand January 15th, 1890	$1,420 35
Received from Grand Secretary	1,919 16
Total	$3,339 51
Warrants paid, Nos. 345 to 398, inclusive	2,035 45
Balance on hand at this date	$1,304 06

DEBITS.

1890.		
Jan. 15	To Balance	$1,420 35
July 23,	To W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	910 40
Dec. 20.	" " " "	123 50
1891.		
Jan. 7.	" " " "	13 28
15.	" " " "	834 37
15.	" " " "	37 61
	Total	$3,339 51

CREDITS.

		Warrant No.	
1890.			
Feb'y 12	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	345	$150 00
April 30	Ferguson & Co	346	2 35
"	McIntyre Bros.	347	3 50
"	The Copp Clark Co.	348	4 00
"	Walker Bros	349	13 00
"	Western Canada Loan Co	350	25 00
"	H. Buckle, Sons & Co	351	34 75
"	Scott & Leslie	352	48 80
"	Secretary Northern Light Lodge	353	10 00
"	J. Hewgill, Secretary Moosomin Lodge	354	10 00
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	355	67 69
May 1	Alex. Taylor	356	5 50
"	H. Buckle, Sons & Co	357	13 25
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	358	25 88
"	Western Canada Loan Co	359	25 00
"	James E. Steen	360	33 25
"	The Copp Clark Co	361	145 58
"	James Hooper	362	5 00
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	363	150 00

1890.		Warrant No.	
June 17	J. D. O'Meara	364	150 00
" 20	Walter Wright	365	5 00
"	J. McBride, Grand Tyler	366	15 00
"	Secretary-Treasurer Medicine Hat Hospital	367	50 00
July 16	H. Newell	368	2 00
"	Manitoba Free Press	369	6 00
"	Tribune Printing Co	370	8 00
"	Postmaster, Winnipeg	371	10 23
"	James E. Steen	372	19 50
"	Guardian Assurance Co	373	6 50
"	Wm. Braden, Secretary St. John's Lodge	374	17 50
"	Bank of British North America	375	30 00
Aug. 5	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	376	150 00
Nov. 26	E. Hunter & Co	377	2 00
"	Thos. W. Taylor	378	2 50
"	Chas. N. Bell	379	4 20
"	Rublee, Riddell & Co	380	5 00
"	Scott & Leslie	381	9 00
"	W. J. Boyd	382	9 00
"	London Guarantee & Accident Co	383	9 00
"	The Copp Clark Co	384	10 25
"	Ferguson & Co	385	16 44
"	James E. Steen	386	16 75
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	387	61 63
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	388	150 00
"	McIntyre Bros	389	306 00
"	H. T. Weston	390	32 50
Dec. 19	London Guarantee and Accident Co	391	13 50
1891.			
Jan'y 15	E. Hunter & Co	392	2 05
"	Jno. H. Bell	393	5 00
"	Jas. E. Steen	394	5 75
"	Robt. D. Richardson	395	16 00
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	396	31 60
"	Wm. Connor	397	10 00
"	Western Canada Loan Co	398	75 00
	Total		$2,035 45

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. J. J. Erskine (2), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

It becomes my duty, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution, to submit a report of the official transactions of this office during the year just closed.

PROCEEDINGS.

The first duty was to superintend the printing of the Proceedings of our last Annual Communication, and distribute the same as soon after the close thereof as possible.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Soon after the close of our last Annual Communication, charters were issued as authorized by Grand Lodge, to the following new Lodges :

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43..... .....Virden, Manitoba.
Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44 ....Oak Lake, Manitoba.

NEW LODGES.

Dispensations for the formation of five new Lodges were issued from the office by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master. The dates of dispensations, names, locations, lists of principal officers, and number of charter members, are furnished herewith :

July 16, 1890.—Ashlar Lodge, Whitewood, Assiniboia. Number of charter members, 7. Bro. Alexander Miller, W. M. ; Bro. John King, S. W. ; Bro. Robert Park, J. W.

July 22, 1890.—Glenboro Lodge, Glenboro, Manitoba. Number of charter members, 7. Bro. James Mitchell, W. M. ; Bro. James Andrews, S. W. ; Bro. William Noble, J. W.

December 29, 1890.—Temple Lodge, McGregor, Manitoba. Number of charter members, 18. Bro. William Cairns, W. M. ; Bro. Donald McLean, S. W. ; Bro. Frank Matthew Berry, J. W.

March 26, 1891.—Killarney Lodge, Killarney, Manitoba. Number of charter members, 13. Bro. John Rigby, W. M. ; Bro. James A. McNaughton, S. W. ; Bro. Arthur E. Fremlin, J. W.

April 2, 1891.—Treherne Lodge, Treherne, Manitoba. Number of charter members, 7. Bro. Rev. Hugh W. Fraser, W. M. ; Bro. Walter M. Scott, S.W.; Bro. William Ford, J. W.

The petition for dispensations, certificates of standing, petitions for charter, and other necessary papers, have been submitted to the Committee on Lodges U. D.

The dispensations of Spitzie Lodge, Pincher Creek, Alberta, and Wa-pan-anung Lodge, Broadview, were renewed, in accordance with recommendation of Committee on Lodges U. D., adopted by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. Petitions for charters have also been received from these Lodges, and are now in the hands of the Committee on Lodges U. D.

A petition signed by several brethren residing at Hartney, Manitoba, has been received, but as the requirements of the Constitution have not been fully complied with, the prayer of the petition has not yet been granted.

AL MOGHREB AL AKSA, No. 18, TANGIER, MOROCCO.

Immediately after the close of our last Annual Communication I notified the late officers of this Lodge that its charter had been arrested, and directed them to return to this office the charter, books, papers, &c., but no reply has been received; I also notified the various Lodges at Gibraltar, working under charter from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, of the action of our Grand Lodge in the matter of its Morocco subordinate.

PEMBINA LODGE, No. 20, PILOT MOUND, MANITOBA.

The period for which this Lodge was suspended having lapsed, I notified the officers that they were at liberty to resume work. No returns having been received during the past year, the attention of Grand Lodge is again called to its hopeless condition.

REPRESENTATIVES

Near other Grand Lodges.

Since date of last Annual Report Commissions to representatives of our Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, have been issued from this office by direction of the Grand Master, as follows :—

Cuba and Colon—W.·. Bro. Rafael Joglar, Havana, May 13th, 1891, vice W.·. Bro. Juan Jubizaretta.

Ireland—V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Shannon, Dublin, December 30th, 1890.

North Carolina—R.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel H. Smith, Winston, May 13th, 1891.

North Dakota—R.·. W.·. Bro. Russell H. Knowlton, Fargo, January 19th, 1891.

New Jersey—R.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Powe, Jersey City, May 13th, 1891, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of our late representative, M.·. W.·. Bro. William Hardacre.

Utah—W.·. Bro. Adolph Anderson, Salt Lake City, September 12th, 1890, to fill vacancy caused by the death of our late representative R.·. W.·. Bro. Freedom H. Church.

Vermont—R.·. W.·. Bro. Elroy B. Whittaker, Hinesburg, May 20th, 1891.

United Grand Lodge of Victoria—V.·. W.·. Bro. R. Kilpatrick, Melbourne, February 6th, 1891.

Washington—R.·. W.·. Bro. Edward Ross Hare, Tacoma, April 10th, 1891, to fill vacancy caused by the death of our late representative, M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Taylor Minor.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the last report, commissions for representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows :

Cuba and Colon—W.·. Bro. John McOuat, Stony Mountain, April 14th, 1891, vice V.·, W.·. Bro. Rev. James Irvine removed from jurisdiction.

Ireland—R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg, October 6th, 1890.

Maine—V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Reid Marlatt, Portage la Prairie, February 14th, 1891, vice W.·. Bro. George Munro withdrawn from Masonry.

Missouri—V.·. W.·. Bro. John Franklin Boyd, Minnedosa, February 12th, 1891, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. James Munro withdrawn from Masonry.

Nebraska—V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley, Manitou, November 13th, 1890, vice V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. A. H. Cameron, removed from the jurisdiction.

North Carolina—V.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell, Macleod, Alberta, May 5th, 1891.

North Dakota—W.·. Bro. John H. D. Munson, Winnipeg, August 1st, 1890.

South Carolina—W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt, Winnipeg, March 31st, 1891, to fill vacancy caused by the death of late R.·. W.·. Bro. Gilbert McMicken.

United Grand Lodge of Victoria—R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson, Lethbridge, March 16th, 1891.

Vermont—V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Fairburn McTavish, Morris, March 16th, 1891.

Returns of Lodges.

I am pleased to report that the returns of all the Lodges have been received, and all their dues paid in full, except in the case of Pembina Lodge, No. 20. This Lodge has not met during the past two years, and is practically extinct. Nearly all the returns were received within the time prescribed by our Constitution, and all were found so nearly correct that I do not deem it necessary to refer to the few unimportant errors discovered.

State of the Craft.

During the past year the average prosperity among the Lodges has been maintained. A few of the Lodges show a decrease in membership, some barely retaining their members, while others show a marked increase, which with the addition of four new Lodges swells the net increase to 121, as shown by the following statistical table :

No. of members Dec. 27th, 1889			1757
Initiated		160	
Passed	162		
Raised	167		
Joined		135	
Re-instated		22	317
			2074
Dimitted		114	
Suspended U.M.C.		1	
Suspended N.P.D.		53	
Died		14	
Rejected	31		182
			1892
Less members of extinct Lodges			14
Membership 27th December, 1890			1878

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3), seconded by W.·. Bro. R. C. Fraser (4), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from January 16th, 1890, to January 15th, 1891.

No.	Name of Lodge.		
1	Prince Rupert's	$ 95	40
2	Lisgar	45	75
3	Ancient Landmark	141	90
4	St. John's	86	90
5	Hiram	3	50
6	Emerson	39	75
7	Assiniboine	70	60
8	King Solomon	25	30
9	Oakland	5	00
10	Northern Light	51	25
11	Gladstone	20	15
12	Stonewall	19	75
13	Belmont	84	20
14	Prince of Wales	47	85
15	Corinthian	18	25
16	Kinistino	64	10
19	Brandon	65	25
23	Wascana	68	00
24	Neepawa	17	75
25	Ionic	44	50
26	Moose Jaw	39	15
27	Glenwood	40	50
28	Bow River	70	25
29	Carberry	16	75
30	Manitou	46	20
31	Medicine Hat	38	25
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	$17	25
33	Indian Head	15	25
34	Qu'Appelle	19	10
35	Moosomin	84	15
36	Doric	40	40
37	Alberta	27	25
38	Battle	27	50
39	Birtle	19	00
40	Deloraine	34	75
41	North Star	39	75
42	Cascade	38	25
43	Lebanon	53	25
44	Oak Lake	38	60
U.D.	Spitzie	53	45
U.D.	Wa-pan-an-ung	31	50
U.D.	Ashlar	27	00
U.D.	Glenboro	37	40
U.D.	Temple	25	00
	Certificates	2	00
	Extinct Lodges	10	00
	Healing fees	10	00
	Past Master's Certificates.	1	00
	Constitutions	1	06
		$1,919	16

Distribution of Receipts.

Extinct Lodges	$10	00	
Healing fees	10	00	
Dispensations	58	00	
Life Members' Certificates	5	25	
Past Masters' Certificates	12	00	
Master Masons' Certificates	356	00	
Constitutions	11	56	
Life Membership Fees	30	00	
Telegraphing	$ 1	30	
Library		30	
Warrants	75	00	
Blank Books and Forms	169	00	
Initiations	320	00	
Dues	860	75	
	$1,919	16	

Cash Statement.

Moneys received by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer from 16th January, 1890, to 15th January, 1891.

DR.		CR.	
1891.		1890.	
January 15. To Receipts.	$1, 919 16	July 22. By Grand Treasurer	$910 40
		Dec. 19, do do	123 50
		1891.	
		January 7. do do	13 28
		do 15. do do	871 98
	$1,919 16		$1,919 16

Detailed Statement of Disbursements

For Fiscal Year Ending January 15th, 1891.

345.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, salary, 3 months ending 15th February, 1890	$150 00
346.	Ferguson & Co., Stationery	2 35
347.	McIntyre Bros., stationery	3 50
348.	The Copp Clark Co., insurance on plates	4 00
349.	Walker Bros., printing Ancient Charges	13 00
350.	Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., rent to 31st Dec., 1889	25 00
351.	H. Buckle, Sons & Co., printing, etc	34 75
352.	Scott & Leslie, bookcases for library, etc	48 80
353.	Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, refund of fee for dispensation	10 00
354.	Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, refund of fee for dispensation	10 00
355.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, index book, stationery, etc	67 69
356.	Alex. Taylor, books for library	5 50
357.	H. Buckle, Sons & Co., blank books, forms, etc	13 25
358.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, etc	25 88
359.	Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., rent to 31st March, 1890.	25 00
360.	James E. Steen, printing, etc	33 25
361.	The Copp Clark Co., certificates	145 58
362.	James Hooper, services as stenographer	5 00
363.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, salary 3 months ending 15th May, 1890	150 00
364.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, special grant	150 00
365.	Walter Wright, running elevator	5 00
366.	John McBride, services as Grand Tyler	15 00
367.	Medicine Hat Hospital, special grant	50 00

368.	H. Newell, engrossing	$ 2 00
369.	Manitoba Free Press, advertising	6 00
370.	Tribune Publishing Co., advertising	8 00
371.	George W. Speth, books for library	10 23
372.	James E. Steen, printing, etc	19 50
373.	Guardian Assurance Co., insurance on books	6 50
374.	St. John's Lodge, No. 4, 50 Constitutions	17 50
375.	Bank of British North America, draft for expenses Foreign Correspondence Committee	30 00
376.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, salary 3 months ending 15th August, 1890	150 00
377.	E. Hunter & Co., refreshments, session of Grand Lodge	2 00
378.	Thomas W. Taylor, stationery	2 50
379.	Chas. N. Bell, books for library	4 20
380.	Rublee, Riddell & Co., refreshments, session of Grand Lodge	5 00
381.	Scott & Leslie, chairs, Grand Lodge session	9 00
382.	W. J. Boyd, refreshments, session of Grand Lodge	9 00
383.	London Guarantee and Accident Co., Premium Grand Secretary's Bond	9 00
384.	The Copp Clark Co., insurance, rent of warrant plate, etc	10 25
385.	Ferguson & Co., books, stationery, etc	16 44
386.	James E. Steen, printing, etc	16 75
387.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, telegrams, etc	61 63
388.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, salary 3 months, Nov. 15, 1889,	150 00
389.	McIntyre Bros., printing Proceedings, etc	306 00
390.	H. T. Weston, books for library	32 50
391.	London Guarantee and Accident Co., premium Grand Treasurer's Bond	13 50
392.	E. Hunter & Co., refreshments, session of Grand Lodge	2 05
393.	John H. Bell, book for library	5 00
394.	James E. Steen, printing, etc	5 75
395.	R. D. Richardson, two seals and presses	16 00
396.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, telegrams, etc	31 60
397.	Belmont Lodge, No. 13, refund of fee for dispensation	10 00
398.	Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., rent to 31st Dec., 1890.	75 00
		$2,035 45

Inventory of Stock.

JANUARY 15TH, 1891.

5 Constitutions, at 31cts	$ 1 55	
Blank Books and Forms	64 38	
237 M. M. Certificates, at 30cts	77 10	
75 Life Membership Certificates, at 40cts	30 00	
98 Past Master Certificates, at 32cts	31 36	
11 Warrants, at $2	22 00	
Fixtures	707 21	
Library Fixtures	136 60	
Books in Library	573 15	
Regalia	167 00	
Spitzie Lodge, U.D.	20 00	
Wa-pan-an-ung Lodge, U.D	20 00	
Ashlar Lodge, U.D.	20 00	
Glenboro Lodge, U.D.	20 00	
Temple Lodge, U.D	20 00	
		$1,910 35
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, cash on hand		1,304 06
		$3,214 41

LIABILITIES.

Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	$100 00	
McIntyre Bros	6 50	
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co.	4 16	
Subordinate Lodges	7 52	
Benevolent Fund	118 58	
		$236 76
Assets in excess of liabilities		$2,977 65

Yearly Statement.

JANUARY 15TH, 1891.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$ 48 00
Warrants	125 00
Extinct Lodges	10 00
Healing Fees	10 00
Certificates	311 62
Life Membership Fees	30 00
Dues	861 25
Blank Books and Forms	62 85
Initiations	320 00
Past Masters' Certificates	8 48
Life Membership Certificates	2 45

LOSSES.

Postage	$ 84 26	
Fixtures	37 22	
Printing	355 50	
Books and Stationery	26 89	
Oakland Lodge, No. 9	50	
Constitutions	4 40	
Expense	73 95	
Rent	104 16	
Salaries	600 00	
Regalia	8 80	
Telegraphing	12 19	
Library Fixtures	7 20	
Insurance	14 75	
Advertising	14 00	
Special Grants	250 00	
Benevolent Fund	118 58	
Net Gain, January 15th, 1891	77 25	
	$1789 65	$1789 65

Audited and found correct.

W. J. PTOLEMY,
Chairman Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

I have the honor to submit my fifth annual report as Librarian of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Library in its various theories and suggestions for the advancement of the Library, did not deem it necessary to recommend an appropriation for the purchase of additional books. Most of the works, therefore, added during the past year were the donations of friends of the Library, but a small number have been procured and paid for out of the unexpended balances of previous appropriations.

Your Librarian is under obligations for the following special donations.

From W.·. Bro. James O'Connor, Winnipeg, the following:

Volumes Nos. 1 to 14, inclusive, (except seven numbers), of "The Canadian Craftsman."

"Freemasonry in the Holy Land," by Robert Morris ..... 1 vol.
"Antiquities of the Orient Revealed," ..... 1 "
"Canada Under the Administration of Lord Dufferin," ..... 1 "
"Portraitures of the Great Events of the Past Century," ..... 1 "

From R.·. W.·. Bro. S. D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1889, (bound.)

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1890.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, Vol. 1 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from June 27th, 1791 to June 19th, 1820.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of Vermont for 1890.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. L. L. Munn, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1890.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1890.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, Centennial Volume of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1891.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1891, and copy of Constitution.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, copy of Maine Masonic Text Book.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. J. B. Trayes, Vol. 7 of "Canadian Craftsman."

From V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Report of Department of Public Works of the City of Philadelphia, for 1889.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John H. Hubbs, Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Nevada, account of meeting of Virginia Lodge, No. 3, held on Mount Davidson, Nevada, September 8th, 1875, printed on satin and handsomely framed.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, Trestle Board of Rhode Island.

From V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Fenn, Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of England, list of members of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, G. R. E., from the time of its Constitution, one volume, handsomely bound, compiled by himself.

From the Masonic Temple Association, Souvenir dedication of the Masonic Temple, Denver, Colorado, 2nd July, 1890.

From W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell, of Winnipeg, Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Dominion of Canada, the Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States for 1890.

From Bro. Fred P. Welsh, Winnipeg, "Memoirs of Lewis Gordon," 1 volume.

From V.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Winnipeg, copies of "Canadian Craftsman" to complete file.

The following books have been acquired by purchase.

"History of the Crusades," illustrated, by Gustave Dore	3	vols.
"History of the Rosicrucians,"	1	"
"Morals and Dogmas of Freemasonry," by Bro. Albert Pike	1	"
"Freemasonry, its Doctrines and Graces," by C. I. Patton	1	"
"Freemasonry, its Symbolism, Religion, Nature and Laws of Perfection," by C. I. Patton,	1	"
"Symbolic Language of Ancient Art and Mythology," by R. P. Knight	1	"
"Wisdom, Strength and Beauty," by C. N. McIntyre	1	"
"Thomas Dunckerly, His Life, Labors and Letters," by Henry Saddler	1	"

For Proceedings of Grand Lodges not herein enumerated, acknowledgment is tendered to the Grand Secretaries. These when bound will constitute a history of the Craft in each Jurisdiction.

In view of the fact "*that a feeling exists that more works on Masonic subjects should be procured*," the following statement of the circulation of books may be of interest. There have been loaned out during the year, 317 books belonging to the following several classes :

Biography	6
Masonry	18
History and Travels	60
Fiction	233

Before closing my report on the Library, I respectfully offer the following recommendation :—That $50 be appropriated for binding Proceedings and periodicals, and $100 for the purchase of books for the Library.

Reading Room.

I am pleased to report a futher increased attendance at the Reading Room. This valuable adjunct to the Library has proved to be of the utmost advantage to the members of the Craft, and does much towards imbuing visitors with an increased appreciation of the methods of this comparatively new Jurisdiction.

The generosity with which the city Lodges and individual brethren have responded to the call of your Librarian for financial support is gratifying evidence of the popularity of the Reading Room. The Craft is under special obligations to Bro. Nicholas Flood Davin, M. P., for his kindness in delivering his celebrated lecture, "The British House of Commons," in aid of the Library and Reading Room. The net proceeds aggregated $229.65. I would recommend that Bro. Davin's kindness in this matter be acknowledged by appropriate resolution.

Thanks are also tendered to Bro. E. W. Rugg, for percentage of profits of Masonic Directory published by him, amounting to $26.25 ; to Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, for grant of $30 towards fund of the Reading Room, and to the publishers of the following papers and periodicals for their respective publications.

"The Manitoba Daily Free Press."
"The Winnipeg Daily Trlbune."
"The Ottawa Daily Citizen."
"The Evening Telegram." Toronto.
"The Montreal Daily Herald."
"The Qu'Appelle Progress," Weekly.
"The Leader," Regina, Weekly.
"The Manitoba Weekly Liberal," Portage la Prairie.
"The Commercial," Winnipeg, Weekly.
"The Calgary Weekly Herald."
"The Calgary Tribune," Weekly.
"The Weekly Tribune," Portage la Prairie.

"The Perth Courier."
"Waghorn's Guide."
"The Colonist," Winnipeg, Weekly.
"The Northwest Farmer."
"The Western World," Winnipeg.
"Canadian Craftsman," Toronto.
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco.
"The Master Mason," Minneapolis.
"The New Zealand Craftsman."
"The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Onio.
"The Masonic Chronicle," New York.
"The Rough Ashlar," Richmond, Va.
"Freemasons Journal," New York.
"Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
"Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.
"The South-Australian Freemason."
"The Australian Keystone."
"The Freemason," Sydney, New South Wales.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Report of the Grand Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows :

At the meeting held July 3rd, 1890, R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie was elected President, and R.·. W.·. Bro. William J. Ptolemy, Vice-President. At the same meeting members of the Board were elected to serve upon the various Standing Committees, and the several Special Committees required by Section 113 of the Constitution, were appointed.

In order to supply each Past Master in the Jurisdiction with a copy of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in accorda

with resolution, your Board found it necessary to have an additional 500 copies printed, the cost of same amounting to $60.

At the meeting held July 3rd, 1890, the Worshipful Master of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, was ex-officio, appointed to represent this Grand Lodge at meeting of members of Medicine Hat Hospital.

Your Board had under consideration the case of the invasion of the Jurisdiction of Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, by Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, in receiving and acting upon the petition for initiation of Rev. C. R. Littler, and the circumstances in connection therewith having been satisfactorily explained, the Grand Master was recommended to "heal" the proceedings in the case.

Your Board has also had under its consideration the correspondence with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in reference to the claim of Cascade Lodge, No. 12, of that Jurisdiction, against Bow River Lodge, No. 28, amounting to $232, for expenses incurred in embalming and forwarding to Calgary the remains of late Bro. Archibald McNeil. A satisfactory termination of the difficulty has been reached by the action of Bow River Lodge in acknowledging its liability in the matter.

Your Board recommends that this Grand Lodge do affiliate with the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, as it believes that by the information received from that Association a considerable amount of money will be saved to the Craft.

Your Board, as required by the Constitution, has appointed a Committee on Credentials and Reception, consisting of V.·. W.·. Bro. D. Hope, (Chairman), R.·. W.·. Bros. R. W. Woodroofe, Jas. A. Payne, W. C. Copeland and W.·. Bro. J. J. White.

Your Board has awarded tenders for printing as follows:—1000 copies of Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1891, at $1.85 per page, to McIntyre Bros.; 1,500 copies of the new edition of the Constitution, at $1.75 per page, to J. E. Steen.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Librarian, your Board recommends that the following grants be made:

For binding Proceedings and periodicals..... $50.00
For the purchase of new books 100.00

In accordance with the recommendation of the D. D. G. M. of Emerson District, No. 2, your Board recommends that the charter of Pembina Lodge, No. 20, be declared forfeited, it not having met for a period of twelve successive months.

As a new edition of the Constitution is now being printed, your Board recommends that the forms contained in the appendix to the present Constitution, (except the ceremonies of installation and burial service), be adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence to correct clerical and other errors, and that the ceremonies of installation and the burial service as contained in the Constitution of

the Grand Lodge of Canada be substituted for these forms, in the Constitution at present in force.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire at this session of the Grand Lodge, viz :

R.·. W.·. Bro.	W. C. Copeland,	R.·. W.·. Bro.	James A. Payne,
" " "	R. W. Woodroofe,	" " "	Wm. J. Ptolemy,
V. " "	John Leslie,	V. " "	Thos. Robinson,
" "	C. N. Bell,	" "	Joseph Cornell.

Your Board has held six (6) meetings during the year, the dates when held and attendance of members being as follows :

July 3, 1890.—	Number of members present,			9.
July 16, 1890.—	"	"	"	9.
Jan. 21, 1891.—	"	"	"	10.
April 8, 1891.—	"	"	"	8.
June 3, 1891.—	"	"	"	13.
July 9, 1891.—	"	"	"	17.

Average attendance, 11.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN McKECHNIE,
President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge, of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that three meetings have been held during the year.

At a meeting held on the 3rd July, 1890. R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris was elected Chairman.

The appeal of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. McQuaig from the decision of Assiniboine Lodge re his charges against Bro. T. B. Miller has been carefully considered ; and while it might be contended by Bro. McQuaig that he had just cause, per-

sonally, for bringing charges against Bro. Miller, nevertheless, from the papers and documents submitted, your Committee has to concur in the decision given by the Lodge in the case, and would therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed. The case arises out of a boom transaction, and is now subject to litigation in the courts.

Your Committee has had under consideration the action of Birtle Lodge against Bro. J. H. Laurie, for embezzlement of trust funds, and fully endorse recomendation of the Lodge for his expulsion.

All the proposed amendments to the Constitution have been considered by your Committee, and we find nothing at variance with Masonic Law or usage therein, except as to amendment No. 17. The Committee is of the opinion that no member should be called upon to give his reasons for objecting to the admission of a visiting brother.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. HARRIS,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W, Harris (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (4), the Report of Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry has carefully considered the Reports of the D. D. G. M's of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9.

In the opinion of your Committee the object of such Reports should be to set forth clearly, for the information of Grand Lodge, the condition of Masonry in each District. This cannot be arrived at without a statement of the increase or decrease in membership, the character of the attendance, the skill of the officers, the financial condition of the Lodges, and the amounts expended for charity. If to this is added a statement of the steps taken to bring in non-affiliates, to institute Lodges in unoccupied Districts, to cultivate the social virtues, and to educate the brethren through Lodges of instruction, addresses by well-skilled Masters,

and distribution of Masonic literature, your Committee would have sufficient data from which to estimate the general progress of the Craft.

Last year Grand Lodge adopted the following form of statistical report :

1. No. of Lodge.
2. Name of Lodge.
3. Location.
4. Membership { (*a*) Total number of members. (*b*) Increase during year. (*c*) Decrease during year.
5. Degrees conferred { (*a*) E. A. (*b*) F. C. (*c*) M. M.
6. Affiliations.
7. Restorations.
8. Resignations.
9. Suspensions, N. P. D.
10. Suspensions for other causes.
11. Died.
12. Meetings held { (*a*) Regular. (*b*) Emergent. (*c*) Total.
13. Average attendance of members.
14. Amount paid for relief.
15. Number of members over 12 months in arrears.
16. Total arrears of dues.
17. Date when Grand Lodge returns were sent in.
18. State of Lodge financially.
19. Prospects of Lodge.
20. Can W. M. work all Degrees.
21. Insurance in force.

It is to be regretted that the D. D. G. M. for District No. 2 is the only one who has furnished this statement. Without such statements but a vague idea of our condition and progress can be formed. Your Committee submits that briefer reports, containing the data referred to, even if panegyrics on Masonry had to be omitted, would be quite as acceptable and more useful.

Work of the D. D. G. M's.

In endeavoring to ascertain what these officers have done to advance Masonry, your Committee is glad to find that those of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 have visited all Lodges in their respective jurisdictions. The D. D. G. M. of District No. 9, has visited but one Lodge.

The D. D. G. M. of District No. 2 is the only one who has held a Lodge of instruction, and who has regularly performed work when visiting his Lodges. Until, as suggested by the D. D. G. M. of District No. 3, Grand Lodge appoints a special officer to do such work, there seems no other method for giving that instruction which is so much needed, for arousing that enthusiasm which is so

often lacking in small Lodges, and for securing that uniformity of work which is so desirable. It is to be regretted that a larger number of these officers did not avail themselves of their opportunities in this respect.

The instituting of three new Lodges in District No. 2, and one in District No. 3, and the erection of Lodge rooms in Districts Nos. 4 and 7, bear testimony to the growth of Masonry, as does the absence of judicial decisions, to the harmony that exists amongst the members.

Work of the Brethren.—Charitable Work.

The Winnipeg Masonic Benevolent Committee has expended $118.05 in charity, and has now on hand a cash balance of $180.30. Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, by resolution devotes 20 per cent of its gross proceeds to charitable purposes—a truly liberal provision. Belmont Lodge, No. 13, has voted $200 towards the proposed hospital scheme, which seeks the official recognition of Grand Lodge. Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, has expended $15. No further information respecting charity is furnished by these Reports.

Educational Work.

Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, and Belmont Lodge, No. 7, secured addresses by well-skilled brethren on Masonic topics. This means of instructing the brethren on the general aims of Masonry, as well as on special points in its history, symbolism, etc., is recommended to the favorable notice of the Craft. The well instructed Mason is generally a zealous Mason. There are few, if any, places where some skilled brother cannot be secured for this purpose, especially when books and papers may always be obtained from the library of Grand Lodge on application to the Grand Secretary.

The Lodges in Winnipeg invited Bro. N. F. Davin to deliver a lecture in the interests of their reading-room. The reputation of the speaker drew so large an audience that the proceeds were more than sufficient to supply the reading-room with all the leading journals for a year.

Social Work.

Apart from the entertainment given on the visits of the D. D. G. M's, little attempt has been made so far as these Reports show, to cultivate the social side of Masonry. The D. D. G. M. of District No. 1 reports that Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, has held social meetings to which the members of the city Lodges and their families were invited. These gatherings make brethren better acquainted with each other, and beget kindlier feelings on the part of the profane. It would be a great gain if all Lodges held several such meetings during the winter months.

Recommendations.

The following recommendations in the reports of the D. D. G. M's are recommended to the earnest consideration of the Craft, viz: the need for rigid examination into the character of every person applying for admission, the necessity for the passing of a thorough examination by candidates seeking preferment, the

desirability of proper decorum being insisted on during business as well as work, and the advisability of a systematic endeavor to bring in non-affiliates.

SPECIAL MENTION.

Your Committee commends the action of Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Glenboro Lodge, U.D., and Treherne Lodge, U.D., in paying the travelling expenses of the D. D. G. M; also the action of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Manitou Lodge, No. 30, and Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, in paying for a suitable regalia for their D. D. G. M. It is hoped that the example set by these Lodges will not be forgotten by those other Lodges who have so far neglected what it seems to your Committee is their simple duty.

The suggestions of the D. D. G. M. of District No. 2, as to the forfeiture of the charter of Pembina Lodge, No. 20, and the redistribution of his District, are reported for suitable action.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. GOGGIN,
Chairman Committee on the State of Masonry.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood (14), seconded by W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Commiitee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the papers and documents emanating from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, in which fraternal recognition at the hands of this Grand Lodge is asked, beg to report that the information received as to its organization is not sufficient to satisfy your Committee as to its regularity, and it therefore recommends that the request of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand for recognition be for the present not granted.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, from the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation beg leave to report that they have examined the books and the petitions for charters, as required by sections 169, 170 and 171 of the Constitution, of the following Lodges U.D.

TREHERNE LODGE, TREHERNE, DISTRICT NO. 2.

Dispensation granted on the 2nd day of April, A.D. 1891. Has held 3 regular meetings. Initiated 3. Number of members at this report, 10. Has no debt. Has the necessary books. Returns correct.

The fees, with applications for initiation, conflict with the Constitution. Clause 209 provides that one-half of the fee shall accompany the application for initiation, but only $5 accompany petitions for initiation.

In the meeting of May 22nd, 1891, there is no record that Messrs. R. S. Alexander, W. D. Hamilton and J. K. Dobson received the first degree. There is a record of an initiation that night, which doubtless refers to them, but the minutes are incorrect in not recording the fact that the brethren received the degree.

This Lodge has not been the requisite four months in existence to entitle it to a charter according to clause 168 of the Constitution.

TEMPLE LODGE, MCGREGOR, DISTRICT NO. 3.

Dispensation granted on the 29th day of December, 1890. Has held five regular meetings. Initiated 1. Number of members at this report, 10. Balance on hand, $19.50. Has no debt. Has the necessary books. The fees, with application for initiation, conflict with the Constitution. Clause 209 provides that one-half of the fee shall accompany the application for initiation, but only $5 accompany petitions for initiation.

There is no record that the rough minutes of May 27th were read over prior to close of the meeting.

The returns to the Grand Lodge are correct, except that they do not show the full names of all the members of the Lodge.

SPITZIE LODGE, PINCHER CREEK, DISTRICT NO. 7.

Dispensation granted on the 16th day of March, 1890, and continued on the 14th day of June, 1890. Has held 11 regular and 4 special meetings. Returns

show 15 members at last report. Initiated 1. Passed 1. Raised 1. Number of members at this report, 16. Has no debt. Balance on hand, $23.41. Has the necessary books. Register return correct except that Brother Hyde occupies the dual capacity of Secretary and Treasurer, which is contrary to clause 244 of the Constitution.

The fees, with applications for initiation, conflict with the Constitution. Clause 209 provides that one-half of the fee shall accompany the application for initiation, but only $10 accompany petitions for initiation.

There is no record that the rough minutes of each meeting are read prior to close of the meeting.

At an emergent meeting, held on the 24th September, 1890, Brother Brown was balloted for affiliation. He had been proposed at a regular meeting on the 1st august, 1890. He should not have been balloted for on the 24th September, 1890, being an emergent meeting, as it was contrary to clause 281 and clause 285 of the Constitution or By-Law No. 6, which requires that candidates for initiation and affiliation should be proposed at one regular meeting and balloted for at the next regular meeting.

In the minutes of several meetings it appears that work was done before the minutes of previous meeting were read. This is irregular, as the first business is the reading and confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting.

At a meeting on the 5th of November, 1890, it was held that the Senior Warden, while presiding in the East in the absence of the Worshipful Master, had no power to sign the minutes. This is incorrect. He has such power as presiding officer for the time being. His signature to the minutes is simply a ministerial act to confirm them whether they are a true and correct record of what took place at the previous meeting or not.

Killarney Lodge, Killarney, District No. 2.

Dispensation granted on the 26th day of March, 1891. Has held 2 regular and 1 special meeting. No Initiations. Number of members at this report, 13. No report. Has no debt. Has the necessary books. Historical Register is not written up.

The fee, with applications for initiations, conflicts with the Constitution.

There is no record that the rough minutes of each meeting are read over prior to close of the meeting.

At a meeting held on the 29th May the Secretary was notified to inform Doric and Deloraine Lodges that night of meeting had been changed, but there is no record showing that the night of meeting had been changed. Such change could not be regularly made without a proper motion and the sanction of the Grand Master, and the time of meeting changed in the dispensation.

The minutes indicate that the Lodge opened straight in the third degree. They should show that it is regularly opened and closed in the various degrees.

The minutes of the meeting of the 20th May, 1891, do not appear to have been confirmed, the same as regards an emergent meeting of May 29th. The minutes of the proceedings of this Lodge are badly written. This Lodge has not been four months in existence necessary to entitle it to a grant of a charter according to clause 168 of the Constitution.

Ashlar Lodge, Whitewood, District No. 9.

Dispensation granted on the 16th day of July, 1890. Has held 9 regular and 1 special meeting. Initiated 3. Passed 3. Raised 3. Admitted 1. Number of members at this report, 12. Has no debt. Balance on hand, $16.35. Has the necessary books. Returns correct.

The minutes of the Lodge in several cases do not show that the Lodge was regularly opened in the first, second and third degree, and closed down from the third, second and first degree. It should be always specially stated.

The fee, with applications for initiation, conflicts with the Constitution. Clause 209 provides that one-half of the fee should accompany the application for initiation, but only $5 accompany petitions for initiation.

There is no record that the rough minutes of each meeting are read over prior to close of meeting.

The minutes are abbreviated too much. The names of movers and seconders of motions should be given in full. Also the names of every member of the Lodge should be set out in the return.

Glenboro Lodge, Glenboro, District No. 2.

Dispensation granted on the 22nd day of July, 1890. Has held 10 regular and one special meeting. Initiated 10. Passed 7. Raised 3. Admitted 4. Number of members at date of this report 21. Has necessary books. Has no debt. Balance on hand, $42.00. Returns very incomplete. The minutes of this Lodge are very well and neatly kept, except the minutes of August the 7th, 1890, which do not record in what degree (if any) the Lodge was opened.

Wapananung Lodge, Broadview, District No. 7.

Dispensation granted on the 15th day of March, 1890, and continued on the 14th day of June, 1890. Held 3 regular and 2 special meetings. Initiated 1. Passed 2. Raised 1. Number of members at last report, 10. Dimited 1. Number of members at this report, 10. Has no debt. Has necessary books. Returns correct. The minutes of this Lodge are very imperfectly written. There is no record that the rough minutes of each meeting are read prior to the close of the meetings.

Recapitulation.

The seven Lodges under dispensation have held 54 meetings. initiated 19. Passed 14. Raised 8. Admitted by affiliation 5, and dimitted 1.

The transcrips show an improvement over preceding years, and greater care in having the minutes properly and correctly written out and returns better made. The errors are more of a clerical nature, and due to inexperience in working of Lodges.

The attention of Secretaries of Lodges is especially drawn to page 110 of the Constitution, containing instructions for Lodges under dispensation, and that same should be carefully adhered to.

In only one or two cases is the dispensation copied out in the Minute Book. This should be the first entry. The Historical Register should be carefully kept written up to date.

Your Committee would recommend that Charters be granted to the undermentioned Lodges, with the numbers and locations assigned to each as follows, viz:

SPITIZIE LODGE, Number 45,..... Pincher Creek, Alberta.
WAPANANUNG LODGE, Number 46..... Broadview, Assiniboia.
ASHLAR LODGE, Number 47..... Whitewood, Assiniboia.
GLENBORO LODGE, Number 48..... Glenboro, Manitoba.
TEMPLE LODGE, Number 49..... McGregor, Manitoba.

And also that the dispensations of the following Lodges be continued, viz:

TREHERNE LODGE.....Treherne, Manitoba.
KILLARNEY LODGE.....Killarney, Manitoba.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Boyd (14), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. J. Ptolemy, Chairman of Committee on Finance, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report upon the finances of Grand Lodge for the year ending January 15th, 1891, as follows:

Cash on hand from previous year	$1,420 35
Receipts of the year, as per G. S's Report	1.919 16
	$3,339 51
Disbursements of the year, as per G. S's Report	2,035 45
Balance of cash on hand Jan. 15th, 1891	$1,304 06

Your Committee have had the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary audited, and find the same to be correct, and the statements accompanying the Grand Secretary's Report to be in accordance therewith.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. PTOLEMY,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris (4), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity not having received any applications for relief during the past year does not deem it necessary to present an extended report. In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Annual

Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer placed at the credit of your Committee the sum of $118.58 ; this is the total amount now available for purposes of relief.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. McMILLAN,
Chairman Committee on Benevolence and Charity.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. J. Ptolemy (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library beg to report :

1. That the additions to the Library in the way of Masonic works affords the brethren the opportunity of consulting many of the best Masonic authors, and the library is fast becoming an excellent medium for reference and research.

2. That your Committee believe it very desirable that further additions be made in books, of which at least forty per cent of the Grand Lodge appropriation be expended upon Masonic works.

3. That an appropriation be made by Grand Lodge for that purpose.

4. That a Consulting and Advising Committee be continued, to assist the Librarian in the selection of books in the line indicated, and such others as may be deemed advisable in retaining and increasing the interest in the library.

5. Your Committee bear testimony to the active supervision of the Librarian and his persistent and strenuous efforts to bring the work to its present stage, and your Committee trust his recommendations may be met in a generous spirit.

6. Your Committee believe the library is doing a good work, and bespeak for its support the hearty co-operation of all the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
R. W. WOODROOFE,
W. A. WINDATT,
H. J. EBERTS,
J. J. WHITE,
} *Committee.*

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. W. C. Copeland (21), seconded by W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts (10),

That the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library be received and adopted.

In amendment it was moved by W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. Robinson (10),

That the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library be amended by striking out the words "at least forty per cent," and inserting therefor the words "the whole of the Grand Lodge appropriation shall be devoted to the purchase of works of a Masonic character."

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEXT BOOKS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell, from the Special Committee on Text Books for Subordinate Lodges, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Committee appointed at last Annual Communication by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master at the request of Grand Lodge "to present a report as to the practicability of securing one or more well acknowledged works on Masonic law and usage for each subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction," beg to report as follows:

The members have given considerable attention to the subject, and have been forced to come to the conclusion that owing to the great variety of works used as authorities in different jurisdictions, and to the fact that few of these works anything like cover the whole ground outlined in the discussion that took place last year previous to the appointment of this Committee, we are unable to report favorably on the scheme. It is our opinion that a selection of books might be made that would be of very great use to subordinate Lodges, but the works of the best authorities are expensive, and the cost of a good selection for each Lodge would, we conclude, be beyond the means of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

CHAS. N. BELL,
D. J. GOGGIN,
W. J. PTOLEMY,
} *Committee.*

On motion of W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Report of the Special Committee on Text Books for Subordinate Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, from the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the Address of the Grand Master has noted the condition of the different Lodges visited by him, and commends to the careful consideration of Grand Lodge his suggestion respecting the exemplification of degrees during each Annual Communication.

Your Committee approves of his recommendation respecting the setting apart a space in the Proceedings to the memory of the fraternal dead.

In the absence of full particulars your Committee cannot do more than draw attention to the Grand Master's remarks concerning the proposed Freemasons' hospital at Morden.

Your Committee has noted the various official acts of the Grand Master, and specially approves of his disallowance of a By-Law imposing a fine on officers who are absent, without excuse, from Lodge meetings.

The absence of disputes calling for judicial decisions, and the issue of five dispensations for new Lodges are strong evidence of harmony and growth during the year.

Finally, your Committee asks Grand Lodge to pass resolutions granting the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master to those brethren who have discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and have been specially recommended by him for that honor.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. GOGGIN,
J. W. HARRIS,
THOMAS ROBINSON,
J. B. SOMERSET,
} *Committee.*

On Motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by W.·. Bro. Alex. A. Aird (4), the Report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

EXPULSION OF JOHN M. LAURIE.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. A. Pearson (1) seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Boyd (14), the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas Bro. John M. Laurie, of Birtle Lodge, No. 39, has been charged with and adjudged guilty of unmasonic conduct, in embezzling the funds of the Municipality of Birtle,

And whereas Birtle Lodge has requested Grand Lodge to expel Bro. Laurie,

And whereas the Committee on Jurisprudence have reported sustaining the action of Birtle Lodge:

Therefore be it resolved that John M. Laurie, of Birtle Lodge, No. 39, be and is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson (41), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood (14), the Grand Secretary was instructed to telegraph the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge to our brethren of Dakota, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Wisconsin and Washington, in Annual Communication assembled.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Grand Secretary wired the following greetings —:—

HON. W. ROSS,
Grand Secretary, Halifax, N. S.,

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in session, fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. May your communication be marked by peace and harmony.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

S. F. CHADWICK,
Grand Secretary, Salem, Oregon.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in session, sends fraternal greeting to the Grand Lodge of Oregon. May you have a harmonious and profitable Communication.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

JOHN W. LAFLIN,
Grand Secretary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in session, sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. May your session be marked by peace and harmony.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

T. M. REED,
Grand Secretary, Seattle, Washington.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in session, sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Washington. May you continue to enjoy harmony and prosperity.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

The following replies were subsequently received :—

SEATTLE, Washington, June 12th, 1891.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Washington receives greetings with gratitude and pleasure and fully reciprocates sentiment expressed.

EDWARD R. HARE,
Representative.

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, June 16th, 1891.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

The courteous greetings from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin were received and read in our Grand Lodge just before the close. The Grand Lodge directed that expressions of reciprocal friendship and fraternal regard be returned to the members of the craft in your jurisdiction. May peace and prosperity attend you.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. LAFLIN,
Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Grand Secretary was instructed to forward the following telegram to Hugh J. Macdonald, M. P., Ottawa :—

The Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories in Grand Lodge assembled tender to Lady Macdonald and family their most heartfelt sympathy and place on record their appreciation of the great loss sustained by Canada in the death of their late eminent brother, Sir John A. Macdonald.

NOTICES OF MONEY GRANTS.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution the following notices of motion were given to be introduced at the session of Grand Lodge to be held to-morrow:

By V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10)—

Grant in aid of Medicine Hat Hospital $50

By R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1)—

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 15
Assistant to Grand Tyler	10
Printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1890-91	200
Printing Constitution	200
Grant in aid of Grand Lodge Library	150
Committee on Credentials and Reception—For refreshments	25

By W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13)—

That he will move that Grand Lodge grant a sum of money in aid of the Freemason's hospital at Morden.

By M.·. W.·. Bro. A. Pearson (1)—

Grant in aid of the Winnipeg General Hospital $100

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 12 o'clock p.m., until Thursday at 2 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, June 11, A.D. 1891, A.L. 5891, at 2.20 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

It being announced that R.·. W.·. Bro. T. S. Elliott, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Roxboroughshire and Selkirkshire, was in waiting and desirous of visiting this Grand Lodge, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master appointed V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), to introduce the distinguished Brother. He was accordingly introduced, received with the Grand Honors of Masonry, welcomed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master in fitting terms, and invited to a seat in the Grand East.

After the introduction of R.·. W.·. Bro. Elliott, and address of welcome by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, the distinguished visitor acknowledged the compliment paid him in eloquent terms.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

The Grand Secretary read letters from R.·. W.·. Bro. A. W. Goulding, Grand Chaplain, and V.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell, D.D.G.M. of No. 7, or Alberta District, expressing regrets that they were unable to be present at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the Grand Master :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott.....From the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley..From the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
W.·. Bro. Wm. A. Windatt...From the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel R. Marlatt..From the Grand Lodge of Maine.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Boyd.....From the Grand Lodge of Missouri.
W.·. Bro. J. H. D. Munson..From the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson..From the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.
W.·. Bro. Robt. F. McTavish..From the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-ARRANGEMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott, from the Committee on Re-arrangement of Constitution, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

At the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to appoint a Committee to re-arrange the Constitution. The undersigned were subsequently appointed to perform the work, and now submit the result of their labors in the form of a draft of the Constitution, with Sections re-numbered and arranged under proper headings.

Your Committee has given the required notice of motion to amend the Constitution, and would recommend that the Constitution be amended as follows :

That Section 3 be amended by striking out the words "The R.·. W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for Number Eight or Morocco District."

That Section 7 be amended by expunging all before the word "attend" in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the following : "Should the Worshipful Master or Wardens be unable to."

That Section 13 be amended by striking out the words "after 1889" in the first line thereof.

That Section 21 be amended by expunging therefrom the words "and transmitted" in the third line.

That Section 79 be amended by expunging all from the word "Provided" in the sixth line, to the word "only" inclusive, in the ninth line.

That Section 104 be amended by expunging the words "after 1889" in the second line.

That Section 175 be amended by expunging therefrom the words "the Committee on Jurisprudence and" in the fourth and fifth lines.

That Sections 191, 211 and 220 be repealed.

That Section 305 be amended by striking out the word "and" in the third line and inserting after the word "present" in the same line, the following: "Nor, if there be in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge, nor until he."

That Section 279 be amended by inserting after the word "to" in the last line the following: "the benefit of the benevolent fund or to"; that the word "charities" in the same line be expunged and the word "benefits" substituted therefor; and by adding thereto all after the word "family" in the third line of Section 306.

That Section 306 be repealed.

That Section 314 be amended by substituting the words "Grand Secretary" for "Grand Master" in the last line thereof.

That Section 315 be amended by inserting after the word "procession" in the second line, the words "or at any public meeting."

That Section 271 be amended by expunging the words "or affiliation" in the twenty-second line thereof.

That Section 250 be repealed.

That Section 260 be amended by striking out the words, "not otherwise excepted" in the third line thereof, and adding after the word "Master" in the fourth line the words "except conferring of degrees."

That wherever the word "Warrant" occurs in the Constitution the same be expunged and the word "Charter" substituted therefor.

These proposed amendments involve no changes in our laws but are presented in order to harmonize conflicting sections and to correct typographical, clerical and other errors.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
JOHN McKECHNIE,
D. H. McMILLAN,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, (7), the Report of the Committee on Re-arrangement of Constitution was received.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following resolutions to amend the Constitution were presented and disposed of as follows :

On motion of W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10) :

Section 36 was repealed, and the following substituted therefor :

" The following officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected, viz : By nomination to be handed to the Grand Secretary, and if more than one brother be nominated, then by ballot of Grand Lodge :

" The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.
" The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master.
" The Right Worshipful the Grand Senior Warden.
" The Right Worshipful the Grand Junior Warden.
" The Right Worshipful the Grand Treasurer.
" The Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary.
" The Right Worshipful the Grand Registrar.
" The Right Worshipful the Grand Chaplain.

" By open vote of Grand Lodge :
" The Grand Tyler.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. J. Ptolemy (4), seconded by W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1) :

Section 67 was expunged.

Sub-Section 3 of Section 70 was amended by inserting between the words " monthly " and " to " in the third line thereof, the following : " into the bank account of the Grand Lodge, as provided in Section 69, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall forthwith transmit."

Sub-Section 4 of Section 70 was amended by substituting the word "bank" for the words " Grand Treasurer " in the fourth line thereof.

Section 68 was amended by expunging the words " audit such accounts and " in the eighth and ninth lines thereof.

Section 110 was amended by expunging the words " audit and " in the second line thereof.

Section 94 was amended by adding immediately after the word " audited " in the fifth line thereof the following words : " at least two months before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, by two of its members, who shall have been appointed on or before the fifteenth day of January, one by the Grand Master and the other by the Board of General Purposes."

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), the report of the Committee on Re-arrangement of Constitution was adopted, and the Constitution amended as follows:

1. Section 3 was amended by striking out the words "The R.·. W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for Number Eight or Morocco District."

2. Section 7 was amended by expunging all before the word "attend" in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the following: "Should the Worshipful Master or Wardens be unable to."

3. Section 13 was amended by striking out the words "after 1889" in the first line thereof.

4. Section 21 was amended by expunging therefrom the words "and transmitted" in the third line.

5. Section 79 was amended by expunging all from the word "Provided" in the sixth line, to the word "only" inclusive in the ninth line.

6. Section 104 was amended by expunging the words "after 1889" in the second line.

7. Section 175 was amended by expunging therefrom the words "the Committee on Jurisprudence and" in the fourth and fifth lines.

8. Sections 191, 211 and 220 were repealed.

9. Section 305 was amended by striking out the word "and" in the third line and inserting after the word "present" in the same line the following: "Nor, if there be in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge, nor until he."

10. Section 279 was amended by inserting after the word "to" in the last line the following: "the benefit of the benevolent fund or to"; the word "charities" in the same line was expunged and the word "benefits" substituted therefor; and by adding thereto all after the word "family" in the third line of Section 306.

11. Section 306 was repealed.

12. Section 314 was amended by substituting the words "Grand Secretary" for "Grand Master" in the last line thereof.

13. Section 315 was amended by inserting after the word "procession" in the second line, the words "or at any public meeting."

14. Section 271 was amended by expunging the words "or affiliation" in the twenty-second line thereof.

15. Section 250 was repealed.

16. Section 260 was amended by striking out the words "not otherwise excepted" in the third line thereof and adding after the word "Master" in the fourth line, the words "except conferring of degrees."

17. Wherever the word "Warrant" occurs the Constitution the same was expunged and the word "Charter" substituted therefor.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7),

The Constitution in force was repealed and the draft of Constitution as re-arranged and re-numbered by the Committee appointed for that purpose, with amendments as adopted at this session of Grand Lodge, adopted in place thereof.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, Chairman of Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

The Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report that there are 39 Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; 18 Lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers; 12 Lodges are represented by proxy and 9 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 115 duly qualified Past Masters and Representatives having a total vote of 170. Your Committee find the Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented as follows:

No. 1 Prince Rupert's,	W.·.	Bro. Thomas William Leggo,	W. Master.
" 2 Lisgar,	"	Bro. John James Erskine,	W. Master.
		Bro. Lynds Smith Vaughan,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Robert Moncrieff,	J. Warden.
" 3 Ancient Landmark,	W.·.	Bro. Andrew McDiarmid,	W. Master.
		Bro. John Chambers,	S. Warden.
		Bro. David Hill Purdon,	J. Warden.
" 4 St. John's,	W.·.	Bro. James Henry Braden,	W. Master.
		Bro. James Thompson Black,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Thomas William Taylor,	J. Warden.
" 6 Emerson,	W.·.	Bro. Thornton Wesley Mutchmor,	W. Master.
		Bro. Rev. Henry Longford Watts,	S. Warden.
" 7 Assiniboine,	W.·.	Bro. Joseph Taylor,	W. Master.
		Bro. William James Cooper,	S. Warden.
" 9 Oakland,		Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw,	J. Warden.
" 10 Northern Light,		Bro. George William Baker,	S. Warden.
" 11 Gladstone,		Bro. Rev. William John Garton,	J. Warden.
" 13 Belmont,	W.·.	Bro. Corbet Locke,	W. Master.
		Bro. Henry James Pugh,	S. Warden.

No. 15	Corinthian,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. George Little Stone,	Proxy.
" 16	Kinistino,	M.·. W.·.	Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson,	Proxy.
" 19	Brandon,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. John Colwell,	Proxy.
" 23	Wascana,		Bro. John Alfred Martin,	J. Warden.
" 24	Neepawa,	W.·.	Bro. James Henry Davidson,	Proxy.
" 25	Ionic,	W.·.	Bro. Napier Herbert Jackson,	W. Master.
" 26	Moose Jaw,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Albert Harrison Van Etten,	Proxy.
" 29	Carberry,		Bro. Joseph Thompson,	J. Warden.
" 30	Manitou,	W.·.	Bro. William Edward Thompson,	W. Master.
" 32	Qu'Appelle Valley,	W.·.	Bro. Frederick S. Proctor,	J. Warden.
" 33	Indian Head,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Robert White Woodroofe,	Proxy,
" 35	Moosomin,	"	Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin,	W. Master.
" 36	Doric,		Bro. John Morrow,	S. Warden.
" 38	Battle,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. William George Bell,	Proxy.
" 39	Birtle,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. James Leslie,	Proxy.
" 40	Deloraine,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. James Edwin Maynard,	Proxy.
" 41	North Star,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. James Johnson White,	Proxy.
" 43	Lebanon,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. James John Dunlop,	Proxy.
" 44	Oak Lake,		Bro. Samuel R. English,	S. Warden.

Fraternally submitted,

D. HOPE,

Chairman Committee on Credentials and Reception.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers : M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), Thomas Clark (25), and Alfred Pearson (1), and the elections proceeded with the following result :

R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), of Winnipeg, Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John William Henry Wilson (7), of Portage la Prairie, Deputy Grand Master.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley (30), of Manitou, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg (2), of Selkirk, Grand Registrar.
Bro. Rev. William John Garton (11), of Gladstone, Grand Chaplain.
And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing term :

R.·. W.·. Bro. William John Ptolemy (4), of Winnipeg.
" " Robert White Woodroofe (1), of Winnipeg.
" " James Andrew Payne (4), of Winnipeg.
" " Willard Cooke Copeland (25), of Winnipeg.
" " John Leslie (1), of Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. " Thomas Robinson (10), of Winnipeg.
" " Charles Napier Bell (1), of Winnipeg.
" " John Henry D. Munson (1), of Winnipeg.
" " Joseph Cornell (3), of Wawanesa.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :

W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1), of Winnipeg, Number One or Winnipeg District.
V.·. W.·. Bro John Highman (36), of Adelpha, Number Two or Emerson District.
W.·. Bro. George Davison (7), of Portage la Prairie, Number Three or Portage la Prairie District.
W.·. Bro. George Little Stone (15), of Rapid City, Number Four or Minnedosa District.
W.·. Bro. James Charles Stoyte (27), of Souris, Number Five or Brandon District.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett (16), Prince Albert, Number Six or Saskatchewan District.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), of Medicine Hat, Number Seven or Alberta District.
V.·. W ·. Bro. Edward George Weeks (23), of Regina, Number Nine or Assiniboia District.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

W.·. Bro. Alfred E. Hopkinson (6), of Emerson, Grand Senior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Edwin Maynard (40), of Deloraine, Grand Junior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. Jessie B. Walker (41), of Lethbridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " Francis Gladstone Lewin (26), of Moosomin, Grand Pursuivant.
" Robert Wilkinson (3), of Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
W. " William Andrew Windatt (3), of Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
" " Hugh Noble (32), of Fort Qu'Appelle, Grand Steward.
" " Peter Job Williams (38), of Battleford, Grand Steward.
" " James Turner Child (28), of Calgary, Grand Steward.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIAL TO M.·. W.·. BRO. ALFRED PEARSON.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), from the Committee on Testimonial to M.·. W.·. Bro. A. Pearson, presented the following Report:—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Committee appointed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master at the last session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of selecting and presenting to M.·. W.·. Bro. A. Pearson, Past Grand Master, a testimonial, as provided by a former resolution of this Grand Lodge, beg to report that they have performed that duty, and that on the 17th March last at a meeting of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, of which M.·. W.·. Bro. Pearson is a member, the presentation was made by the D. G. M. of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,
J. W. HARRIS,
JOHN LESLIE,
} *Committee.*

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Scott (1), the Report of the Committee on Testimonial to M.·. W.·. Bro. A. Pearson was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.10 o'clock p.m. until 7 o'clock p m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday evening, June 11th, A. D., 1891, A. L., 5891, at 7.30 o'clock.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, from the Committee appointed to arrange for the redistribution of Districts, presented the report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication, and nominated by the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master "to arrange for the re-distribution of the Districts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba," beg to report as follows :

We would recommend that the Lodges be grouped into the following Districts :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

No. 1.	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
2.	Lisgar	Winnipeg.
3.	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
4.	St. John's	Winnipeg.
6.	Emerson	Emerson.
8.	King Solomon	Morris.
10.	Northern Light	Winnipeg.
12.	Stonewall	Stonewall.
25.	Ionic	Winnipeg.

District No. 2.

No. 7.	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
11.	Gladstone	Gladstone.
14.	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa.
15.	Corinthian	Rapid City.
24.	Neepawa	Neepawa.
39.	Birtle	Birtle.
49.	Temple	McGregor.

District No. 3.

No. 9.	Oakland	Carman.
19.	Brandon	Brandon.
27.	Glenwood	Souris.
29.	Carberry	Carberry.
43.	Lebanon	Virden.
44.	Oak Lake	Oak Lake.
48.	Glenboro	Glenboro.
U.D.	Treherne	Treherne.
	(Hartney applied for)	Hartney.

District No. 4.

No. 13.	Belmont	Morden.
20.	Pembina	Pilot Mound.
30.	Manitou	Manitou.
36.	Doric	Boissevain.
40.	Deloraine	Deloraine.
U.D.	Killarney	Killarney.

District No. 5.

No. 16.	Kinistino	Prince Albert.
23.	Wascana	Regina.
26.	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	Ft. Qu'Appelle.
33.	Indian Head	Indian Head.
34.	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle.
35.	Moosomin	Moosomin.
38.	Battle	Battleford.
46.	Wapananung	Broadview.
47.	Ashlar	Whitewood.

District No. 6.

No. 28.	Bow River	Calgary.
31.	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
37.	Alberta	Macleod.
41.	North Star	Lethbridge.
42.	Cascade	Anthracite.
45.	Spitzie	Pincher Creek

RECAPITULATION.

No. 1	District	9
2	"	7
3	"	9
4	"	6
5	"	10
6	"	6

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten (3), seconded by W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), the report of the Committee on re-arrangement of Districts, was received and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, to be acted upon at the next Annual Communication, and the Committee continued in charge.

MONEY GRANTS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John Colwell (19), the following appropriations were made and their payment authorized :

Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler	$ 15 00
Bro. Richard Nicholson, assistant to Grand Tyler	10 00
Committee on Credentials and Reception	25 00
Grand in aid of Grand Lodge Library	150 00
McIntyre Bros., printing Proceedings	200 00
James E. Steen, printing Constitution	200 00

FREEMASONS' HOSPITAL OF MORDEN.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William J. Ptolemy (4),

The Grand Lodge concurred in and approved of, the action of the brethren of Belmont Lodge No. 13 in erecting a hospital, and commended the undertaking to the kindly consideration of the lodges and brethren throughout the jurisdiction, with the distinct understanding that no financial or other liability is assumed by Grand Lodge, and granted the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) in aid of the hospital.

GRANT TO THE WINNIPEG GENERAL HOSPITAL.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Leggo (1),

The sum of one hundred dollars ($100) was granted to the Winnipeg General Hospital.

AID TO HOSPITALS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John H. D. Munson (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10),

The subject of hospital effort on the part of Grand Lodge was referred to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report at next meeting of Grand Lodge.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood (14,) the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master, with the title of Right Worshipful, was conferred upon V.·. W.·. Bros. John Leslie, Byron Fraser, Samuel Reid Marlatt, John Franklin Boyd, John Colwell, George Edward Applegarth, Duncan John Campbell and David McIntosh, in accordance with the recommendation of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Edward George Weeks (23), seconded by Bro. John Alfred Martin (23), the following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Co., the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Co., and the Alberta Railway and Coal Co.,

for courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication, and to the proprietors of the various hotels of the City of Winnipeg who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Communication.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten (3), seconded by W.·. Bro. George R. Thompson (10), the following resolution was adopted :—

That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Nicholas Flood Davin for delivering in the interest of the Winnipeg Masonic Reading Room, an eloquent and instructive lecture, the net proceeds from which was more than sufficient to supply all papers and periodicals for the current year.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. John McOuat (12), the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to W.·. Bro. Jas. O'Connor (3), for valuable contributions to the Library.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson, assisted by W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts.

ADDRESS.

After the ceremonies of installation had been concluded, R.·. W.·. Bro. James T. S. Elliott, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, delivered an interesting and instructive address to the brethren present.

COMMITTEE TO SELECT BOOKS FOR LIBRARY.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Jas. J. White (25), the following members were appointed as a Committee to select books for Grand Lodge Library :—W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10). R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. J. Ptolemy (4), and R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert W. Woodroofe (1).

REPORT ADOPTED.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson (7), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1),

That the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

In amendment, it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25),

That the word "Adopted" in the clause referring to forms, etc., contained in the report of the Board of General Purposes, be expunged, and the words, "recommended for use" substituted therefor.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost.*

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried.*

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF D. D. G. M'S.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the following resolution was adopted :—

That this Grand Lodge urgently requests subordinate lodges in the several Districts to pay the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters on their official visits, such payment to be computed on the basis of an equitable assessment.

NOTICES OF MOTION WITHDRAWN.

With the consent of Grand Lodge the following notices of motion were withdrawn :

By V.·. W.·. Bro Thomas Robinson (10),

1. To amend Section 273 of the Constitution by inserting after the word "jurisdiction" in the sixth line thereof the following : "Provided that such consent shall not be arbitrarily or unnecessarily withheld, and if sufficient cause be not shown for withholding such consent, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation dispensing with the same."

2. To grant $50 in aid of the Medicine Hat Hospital.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Thornton W. Mutchmor (6), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Henry J. Woodside (7), the following resolution was adopted :—

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Sixteenth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 12.20 o'clock a.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton, Grand Chaplain.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended (U.M.C.)	Suspended (N.P.D.)	Died.	Rejected.	Members Dec. 27, 1889.	Extinct Lodges.	Members Dec. 27, 1890.	Amount due Grand Lodge year ending Jan. 15, 1891.	Amount Paid.	Balance Due.	Balance at Credit.
1	Prince Rupert's	3	5	7	6	3	9	....	2	1	....	111	....	111	$ 95 40	$ 95 40	....	.....
2	Lisgar	3	2	2	2	1	2	....	....	....	....	63	....	67	45 75	45 75	....	....
3	Ancient Landmark	12	13	14	5	2	9	....	7	1	2	149	....	151	141 90	141 90	....	.....
4	St. John's	2	3	5	....	3	6	....	7	....	....	123	....	115	86 90	86 90	....	.....
5	Hiram	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	3	....	....	23	14	....	3 50	3 50	....	.....
6	Emerson	2	4	5	....	2	4	....	....	....	....	49	....	49	39 75	39 75	....	.....
7	Assiniboine	5	5	5	7	....	6	....	....	....	1	95	....	101	70 60	70 60	....	.....
8	King Solomon	2	3	4	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	18	....	20	25 30	25 30	....	.....
9	Oakland	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	21	....	19	5 00	5 00	....	.....
10	Northern Light	6	6	4	12	1	2	....	5	1	....	50	....	61	51 25	51 25	....	.....
11	Gladstone	1	1	....	1	...	3	....	1	....	....	35	....	33	20 15	20 15	....	.....
12	Stonewall	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	3	1	....	26	....	24	19 75	19 75	....	.....
13	Belmont	10	10	10	8	3	3	....	....	....	2	51	....	69	84 20	84 20	....	.....
14	Prince of Wales	5	4	4	6	1	8	....	2	....	....	44	....	46	47 85	47 85	....	.....
15	Corinthian	1	1	1	....	....	2	....	1	1	....	27	....	24	18 25	18 25	....	.....
16	Kinistino	11	9	6	1	2	....	....	2	2	4	39	....	49	64 10	64 10	....	.....
19	Brandon	4	4	4	6	1	5	....	....	1	1	90	....	95	65 25	65 25	....	.....
20	Pembina	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	....	25	.....	.....	....	.....
23	Wascana	6	8	10	1	1	3	....	....	1	1	51	....	55	68 00	68 00	....	.....
24	Neepawa	....	....	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	26	....	25	17 75	17 75	....	.....
25	Ionic	3	3	3	5	....	2	....	1	....	2	58	....	63	44 50	44 50	....	.....
26	Moose Jaw	4	4	3	....	....	1	....	3	1	2	38	....	37	39 15	39 15	....	.....
27	Glenwood	7	8	6	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	21	....	27	40 50	40 50	....	.....
28	Bow River	9	7	8	5	....	6	....	8	....	2	76	....	76	70 25	70 25	....	.....

29	Carberry	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	26	....	26	16 75	16 75	....	.....
30	Manitou	5	6	7	3	....	2	....	....	....	1	35	....	41	46 20	46 20	....	.....
31	Medicine Hat	3	4	5	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	36	....	41	38 25	38 25	....	.....
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	1	2	3	....	....	1	....	3	....	....	19	....	16	17 25	17 25	....	.....
33	Indian Head	1	3	2	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	29	....	26	15 25	15 25	....	.....
34	Qu'Appelle	1	....	....	2	....	5	....	1	1	....	27	....	23	19 10	19 10	....	.....
35	Moosomin	11	10	10	1	....	3	....	....	....	1	26	....	35	84 15	84 15	....	.....
36	Doric	3	3	4	1	....	4	....	2	....	....	34	....	32	40 40	40 40	....	.....
37	Alberta	4	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	....	30	27 25	27 25	....	.....
38	Battle	2	2	3	....	....	3	....	....	....	4	30	....	29	27 50	27 50	....	.....
39	Birtle	2	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	28	....	28	19 00	19 00	....	.....
40	Deloraine	4	5	5	1	....	1	....	....	....	2	30	....	34	34 75	34 75	....	.....
41	North Star	4	6	7	4	....	2	....	....	1	3	32	....	37	39 75	39 75	....	.....
42	Cascade	2	2	3	1	....	4	1	....	....	....	34	....	32	38 25	38 25	....	....
43	Lebanon	2	3	3	....	....	1	....	....	1	2	25	....	25	53 25	53 25	....	.....
44	Oak Lake	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	13	38 60	38 60	....	.....
45	Spitzie	7	7	7	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	53 45	53 45	....	.....
46	Wapananung	2	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	31 50	31 50	....	.....
47	Ashlar	1	1	....	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	27 00	27 00	....	.....
48	Glenboro	6	....	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	37 40	37 40	....	.....
49	Temple	....	....	....	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	25 00	25 00	....	.....
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ROLL OF EXTINCT LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Place of Meeting.	Date of Charter.	Remarks.
5	Hiram	Kildonan, Manitoba	June 14, 1876	Charter Surrendered June 13, 1890
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Saskatch'n	February 16, 1883	Charter Surrendered February 13, 1889
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco	February 16, 1883	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1890
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound, Man.	February 9, 1882	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1891
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie, Man.	February 16, 1883	Consolidated with Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 June 24,'89
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Man	March 3, 1883	United with Grand Lodge of Canada, April 6, 1887

NAMES OF OFFICERS OF LODGES.

No.	Name.	Town and P. O. Address.	County.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Thomas W. Leggo	W. D. Pettigrew	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Manitoba	John J. Erskine	W. W. Fryer	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	A. McDiarmid, M.D.	Thos. H. Billman	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	James H. Braden	William Braden	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	Manitoba	Thornton W. Mutchmor.	John W. McDonald.	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	Joseph Taylor	Alexander Bowman	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	James Rodman	H. R. Whitworth	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	Frank D. Stewart	W. J. Hemenway	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Wm. J. Akin	C. Graburn	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Robert McComb	John Ferguson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Lisgar	Manitoba	Rev. A. W. Goulding	William Lindsay	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin	Manitoba	Corbet Locke	William Conner	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Thomas A. Cuddy	John F. Boyd	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Manitoba	S. L. Head	Geo. L. Stone	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	Hugh U. Bain, M.D.	Alex R. Burns	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	J. M. Robinson	John S. Brayfield	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	William Henderson	Wm. J. Chisholm	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains.	Manitoba	A. R. Graham	Wm. J. Hamilton	Wednesday on or before full moon

25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	N. H. Jackson	E. L. Milligan	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	Chas. B. Cumpston	Robert H. Lowe	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Brandon	Manitoba	George A. Coulter	Geo. W. Harrison	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	James T. Child	Fred. W. Pettit	Monday on or before full moon.
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Manitoba	W. Dickie	Arthur Mack	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Manitoba	Wm. E. Thompson	Edward Scarlett	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	Wm. T. Finlay	E. B. Fowler	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	Hugh Noble	E. W. Miller	Tuesday on or before full moon.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	George Thompson	H.H. Campkin, Act'g	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	A. C. Paterson	E. W. Warner	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	Francis G. Lewin	Edward James	Wednesday on or before full moon
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	F. L. Schaffner	James A. Wright	Wednesday on or before full moon
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	Wm. Pocklington	Edward J. Wright	First Tuesday in each month.
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	Peter J. Williams	Joseph B. Parker	First Wednesday in each month.
39	Birtle	Birtle	Shoal Lake	Manitoba	John Lane	T. F. Patterson	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	C. A. Young	Alex S. Rose	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star	Lethbridge		Alberta	Jesse B. Walker	Percy H. Belcher	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Anthracite		Alberta	Robert Wynne	P. Ross, Acting	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon	Virden	Dennis	Manitoba	Robert Adamson	C. E. Pineo	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Dennis	Manitoba	William Shaw	Robert Neill	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek		Alberta	John Herron	M. H. W. Fraser	Friday on or before full moon.
46	Wapananung	Broadview		Assiniboia	James A. Sutherland	Foster Armstrong	First Thursday in each month.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood		Assiniboia	Alex Miller	Rev. Arthur Krauss	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Norfolk	Manitoba	James Mitchell	Richard Francis	Second Monday in each month
49	Temple	McGregor	Norfolk	Manitoba	William Cairns	W. B. Gilroy	Wednesday on or before full moon
	Killarney (U.D.)	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	John Rigby		Friday on or before full moon.
	Treherne (U.D.)	Treherne	Norfolk	Manitoba	Rev. H. W. Fraser		Friday on or before full moon.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

No. 1.—Winnipeg District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Chas. Napier Bell, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's ..... Winnipeg
" 2—Lisgar ..... Selkirk
" 3—Ancient Landmark ..... Winnipeg
" 4—St. John's ..... Winnipeg
" 6—Emerson ..... Emerson
" 10—Northern Light ..... Winnipeg
" 12—Stonewall ..... Stonewall
" 25—Ionic ..... Winnipeg

No. 2.—Emerson District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. John Highman, *Adelpha.*

No. 8—King Solomon ..... Morris
" 9—Oakland ..... Carman
" 13—Belmont ..... Morden
" 30—Manitou ..... Manitou
" 39—Doric ..... Boissevain
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine
" 48—Glenboro ..... Glenboro
U. D. —Killarney ..... Killarney
U. D. —Treherne ..... Treherne

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. George Davison, *Portage la Prairie.*

No. 7—Assiniboine ..... Portage la Prairie
" 11—Gladstone ..... Gladstone
" 24—Neepawa ..... Neepawa
" 49—Temple ..... McGregor

No. 4—Minnedosa District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. George Little Stone, *Rapid City.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City
" 39—Birtle ..... Birtle

No. 5.—Brandon District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. James Charles Stoyte, *Souris.*

No. 19—Brandon ..... Brandon
" 27—Glenwood ..... Souris

" 29—Carberry .. .. Carberry
" 43—Lebanon .... Virden
" 44—Oak Lake .... Oak Lake

No. 6.—Saskatchewan District.

D. D. G. M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16—Kinistino .... Prince Albert
" 38—Battle .... Battleford

No. 7.—Alberta District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, *Medicine Hat.*

No. 28—Bow River .... Calgary
" 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat
" 27—Alberta .... Macleod
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge
" 42—Cascade ..... Anthracite
" 45—Spitzie .. .. Pincher Creek

No. 9.—Assiniboia District.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Edward George Weeks, *Regina.*

No. 23—Wascana .... Regina
" 26—Moose Jaw .... Moose Jaw
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle
" 33—Indian Head ..... Indian Head
" 34—Qu'Appelle .... Qu'Appelle
" 35—Moosomin .. .. Moosomin
" 46—Wapananung .... Broadview
" 47—Ashlar .... Whitewood

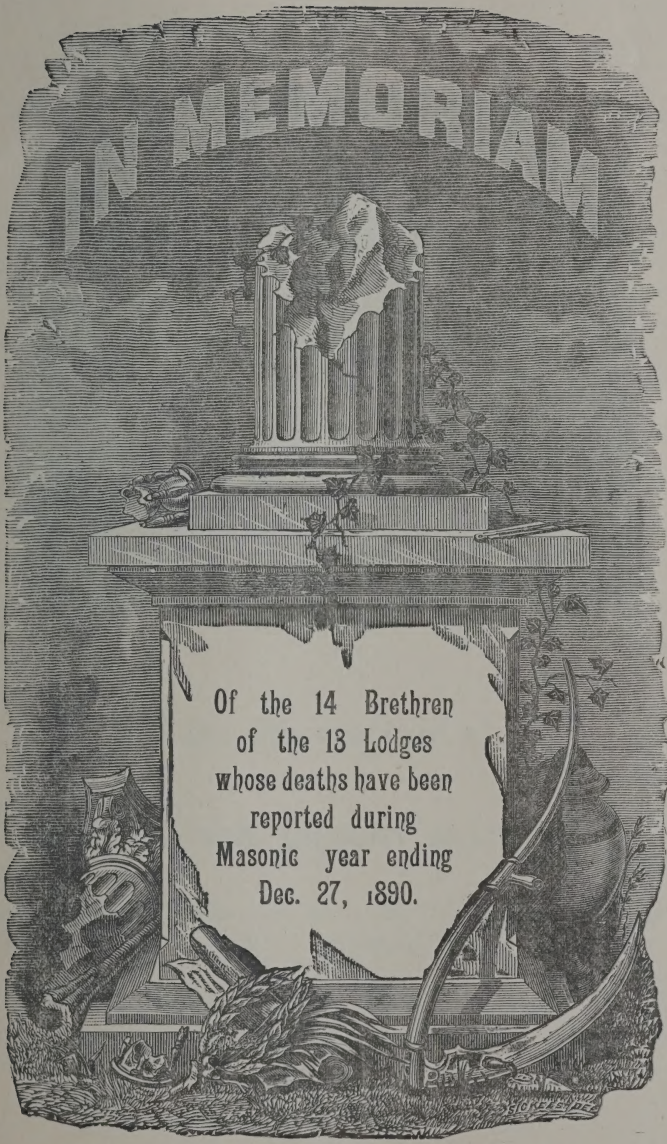
Recapitulation.

No.	1—Winnipeg District	8
"	2—Emerson District	9
"	3—Portage la Prairie District	4
"	4—Minnedosa District	3
"	5—Brandon District	5
"	6—Saskatchewan District	2
"	7—Alberta District	6
"	9—Assiniboia District	8
	Total	45

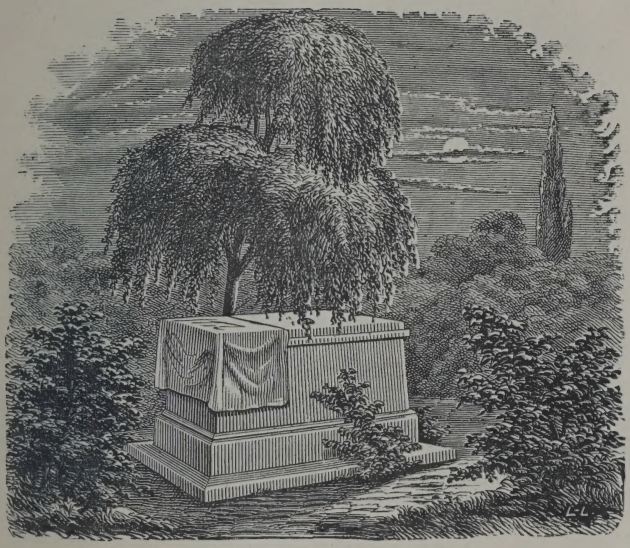
DEATHS, 14—13 LODGES.

"Like the brown leaves our loved ones drop away
One after one, into the dark abyss
Of sleep and death; the frosts of trouble lay
Their withering touch upon our happiness."

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Duncan McArthur	July 6, 1890	Prince Rupert's	1
Henry Newell	November 18, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
James Joss	December 6, 1890	Northern Light	10
Isaac Walton	August 8, 1890	Stonewall	12
Joseph Mimmack	April 17, 1890	Corinthian	15
Albert E. J. Montgomery	August 11, 1890	Kinistino	16
Alexander Sproat	August 21, 1890	Kinistino	16
Eustace Fitz Bucke	September 17, 1890	Brandon	19
Thomas Smith	February 28, 1890	Wascana	23
Henry C. Battell	July 15, 1890	Moose Jaw	26
Leslie Gordon	January 7, 1890	Qu'Appelle	34
John Duncanson	July 26, 1890	Birtle	39
Albert John Scott	January 6, 1890	North Star	41
Alexander Gemmel	June 17, 1890	Lebanon	43


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 14 Brethren
of the 13 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1890.

"To that far land, far beyond storm and cloud,
To that bright land where sun doth never set,
To that life land, which has no tomb nor shroud,
Where friends can meet again who oft have met."



In Memoriam of

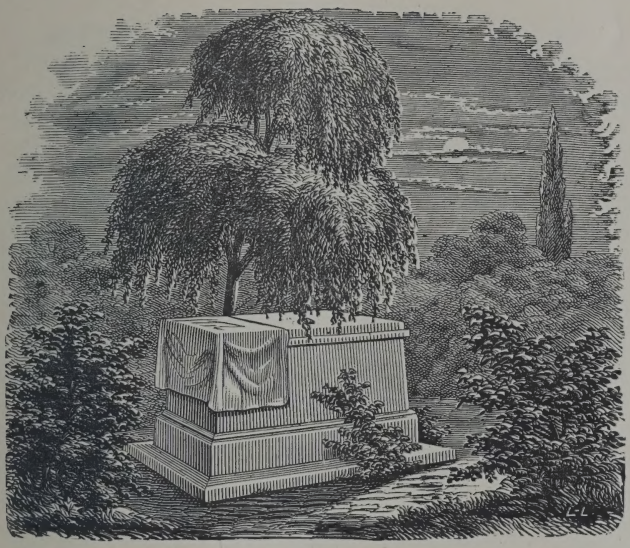
R.·. W.·. BRO. GILBERT McMICKEN.

Past Grand Senior Warden, and first W.·. M.·. of Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg.

Born at Glenluce, Wigtonshire, Scotland, Oct. 13th, 1813.

Died at Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 6th, 1891.

"To the past go more dead faces,
Every year;
None fill the vacant places,
Every year;
Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
In the evening's dusk they greet us,
And to come to them entreat us,
Every year."



In Memoriam of

R.·. W.·. Bro. Sir John Alexander Macdonald, G.C.B.

Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

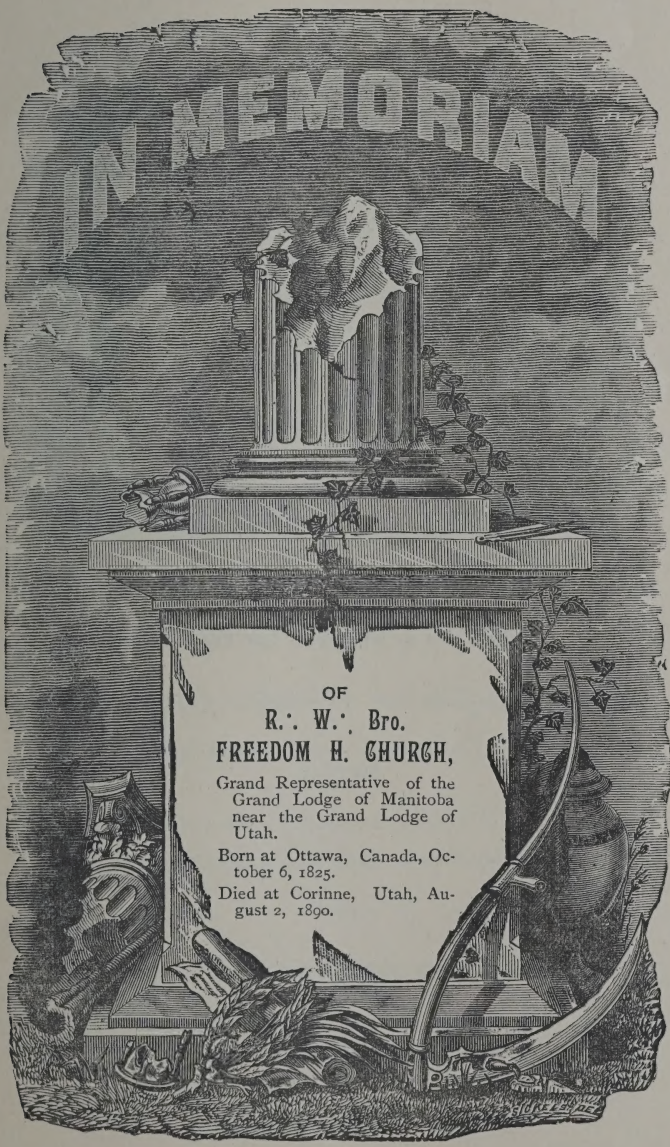
Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Born at Glasgow, Scotland, January 11th, 1813,

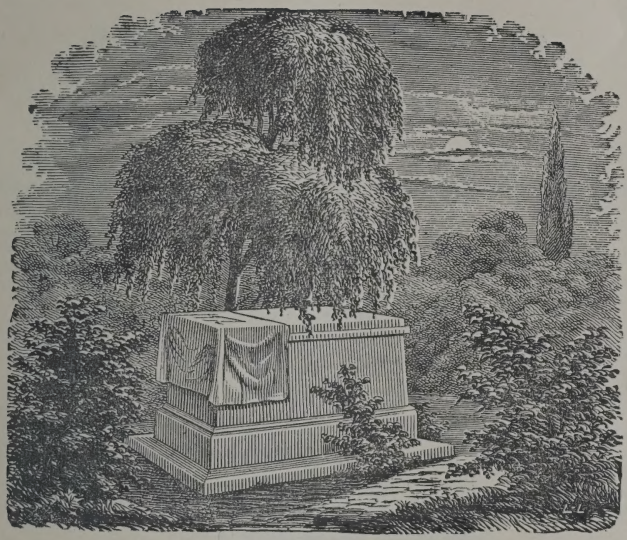
Died at Ottawa, Ontario, June 6th, 1891.

"The fame that a man makes himself is best—
That he may call his own."

"The night dew that falls, though in silence it weeps,
Shall brighten with verdure, the grave where he sleeps;
And the tear that we shed, though in secret it rolls,
Shall long keep his memory green in our souls."


IN MEMORIAM
OF
R.·. W.·. Bro.
FREEDOM H. CHURCH,
Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Utah.
Born at Ottawa, Canada, October 6, 1825.
Died at Corinne, Utah, August 2, 1890.

" And if through patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest,
Where we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we will say, " God knew the best."



In Memoriam of

R.·. W.·. BRO. JOSEPH HOWELL HOUGH,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge New Jersey,
1843-1890.

Born at————, Pennsylvania, July 17th, 1816.

Died at Trenton, New Jersey, Dec. 15th, 1890.

R.·. W.·. BRO. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of California,
1855-1890.

Born at New York, June 29th, 1818.

Died at San Francisco, California, Dec. 28, 1890.

" For those who throng the eternal home,
Lost are the tears we shed ;
They are the living, they alone,
Whom thus we call the dead."

" Look to Him,
And see beyond the darkly rolling river,
Those gone before.

Inscribed to the Memory

—OF—

Past Grand Masters of Sister Grand Lodges.

M.·. W.·. BRO. HENRY BROWN,

Born, ... 1842.

Died, Victoria, British Columbia, May 15th, 1891.

Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of British Columbia.

M.·.W.·. BRO. JAMES ALEXANDER HENDERSON

Born, Plymouth, England, February, 1821.

Died, Kingston, Ontario, December 7th, 1890.

Grand Master of Canada, 1879-1881.

M.·. W.·. BRO. GEORGE HARPER HAND,

Born, Akron, Ohio, August 9th, 1837.

Died, Pierre, South Dakota, March 10th, 1891.

Grand Master of Dakota, 1878-1881.

M.·. W.. BRO. SAMUEL LAURENCE,

Born, Beaufort, South Carolina, Dec. 24, 1815.

Died, Marietta, Georgia, October 2, 1890.

Grand Master of Georgia, 1868.

M.·. W.·. BRO. HIRAM BASSETT,

Born, ...

Died, ...November 6, 1890.

Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of Kentucky.

Inscribed to the Memory

—OF—

Past Grand Masters of Sister Grand Lodges.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN SNOWDEN TYSON,

Born, Baltimore, Maryland, May 22nd, 1837.
Died, ... Maryland, July 26th, 1890.
Grand Master of Maryland, 1880-1885.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JONATHAN ADAMS ALLEN, M.D.,

Born, Middlebury, Vermont, January 25th, 1825.
Died, Chicago, Illinois, August 15th, 1890.
Grand Master of Michigan, 1859-60.

M.·. W.·. BRO. CALEB H. BENTON,

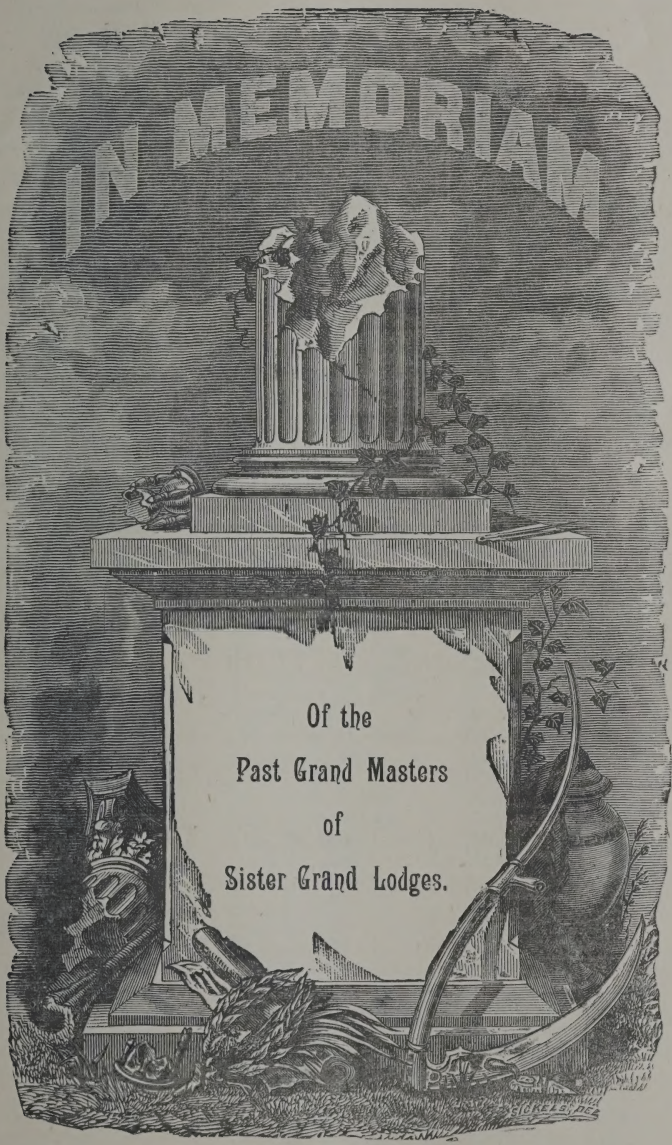
Born,.....Vermont.....1841.
Died, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 10th, 1890.
Grand Master of Minnesota, 1882-1883.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JAMES E. CADLE,

Born, Jackson, Missouri, March 20th, 1830.
Died, ...July 8th, 1890.
Grand Master of Missouri, 1875-1876.

R.·. W.·. BRO. EARL OF CARNARVON,

Born,.....England, June 24th, 1831.
Died, London, England, June 28th, 1890.
Pro. Grand Master of England, 1875-1890.


IN MEMORIAM
Of the
Past Grand Masters
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

" Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death !"

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
William Henry Culver	May 20, 1890	Prince Rupert's	1
Thomas Tooley	December 16, 1890	Prince Rupert's	1
Charles James Brown	April 14, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
Alexander Hall	April 14, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
Andrew Taylor McNab	October 13, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
Joseph Reed McMullen	October 13, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
John Jones	October 13, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
John Williams	October 13, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
Samuel H. Hallman	October 13, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
John Eccles	May 7, 1890	St. John's	4
Thomas M. Harrington	May 7, 1890	St. John's	4
James Levy	May 7, 1890	St. John's	4
Duncan Alfred McArthur	May 7, 1890	St. John's	4
James Arthur Pelkey	May 7, 1890	St. John's	4
Henry Simmons	May 7, 1890	St. John's	4
Louis Howard Sullivan	May 7, 1890	St. John's	4
John Osborne Le Cappellain	February 28, 1890	Hiram	5
Edward Philip Leacock	February 28, 1890	Hiram	5
Roderick Ross McDonald	February 28, 1890	Hiram	5
Alexander Crookshank	June 19, 1890	Northern Light	10
James Kerr	June 19, 1890	Northern Light	10
Patrick Anderson Macdonald	June 19, 1890	Northern Light	10
James Hill Rowan	June 19, 1890	Northern Light	10
Christopher Fortescue Forrest	June 19, 1890	Northern Light	10
John C. Morrison	April 29, 1890	Gladstone	11
Alexander Scott	December 31, 1889	Stonewall	12
Edward Langton	December 31, 1889	Stonewall	12
Nelson Ezra Siddons	December 31, 1889	Stonewall	12
Arthur Martin Bailey	July 25, 1890	Prince of Wales	14
Phillip Noonan	November 21, 1890	Prince of Wales	14
Wellington Jefferes Webb	October 7, 1890	Corinthian	15
William Jesse Carter	May 7, 1890	Kinistino	16
John Stewart	December 5, 1890	Kinistino	16
John Cooper	September 5, 1890	Ionic	25
James V. McCarroll	June 10, 1890	Moose Jaw	26
Peter Smith	June 10, 1890	Moose Jaw	26
John White	June 10, 1890	Moose Jaw	26
Ernest J. Chambers	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
Michael Harris	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
Walter Robert Johnston	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
Joel Draper Moulton	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
Robert Josiah Ogburn	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
Thomas William Robison	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
Thomas William Soules	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
Augustine Mease Thomas	June 2, 1890	Bow River	28
William Douglas Rorison	April 29, 1890	Carberry	29
John Rutledge Rea	April 29, 1890	Carberry	29
Thomas Wesley Jackson	September 2, 1890	Qu'Appelle Valley	32
William McLeod	September 2, 1890	Qu'Appelle Valley	32
James Skerratt Court	September 2, 1890	Qu'Appelle Valley	32

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—CONTINUED.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
James Weidman	April 1, 1890	Qu'Appelle	34
James Peter Moore	May 28, 1890	Doric	36
Frederick A. Cooke	May 28, 1890	Doric	36

EXPULSION AFFIRMED.

John Martindale Lawrie	June 10, 1891	Birtle	39

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
James Hooper	May 20, 1890	Prince Rupert's	1
Lawrence John Munroe	October 21, 1890	Prince Rupert's	1
William Henry Culver	December 16, 1890	Prince Rupert's	1
James Stephen Connacher	June 2, 1890	Lisgar	2
James Henderson	August 20, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
John Jones	December 8, 1890	Ancient Landmark	3
Peter McLean Gillis	January 1, 1890	St. John's	4
Thomas English	November 5, 1890	St. John's	4
James Levy	November 5, 1890	St. John's	4
John Lamont	July 3, 1890	Emerson	6
William B. Robertson	September 25, 1890	Emerson	6
Alexander McKay	May 6, 1890	King Solomon	8
Hayter Reed	November 20, 1890	Northern Light	10
James Stirton	January 30, 1890	Belmont	13
George Leary	March 6, 1890	Belmont	13
Allan John Adamson	April 3, 1890	Belmont	13
Isaac Bolton	January 31, 1890	Prince of Wales	14
Alexander Stansfield	September 5, 1890	Kinistino	16
Justus Duncan Wilson	September 5, 1890	Kinistino	16
William Hodgson	August 12, 1890	Brandon	19
William Franklin Eddy	July 1, 1890	Wascana	23
John Rutledge Rea	October, 21, 1890	Carberry	29

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, MAY 12, 1875.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GR. CHAPLAIN.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson.	S. L. Bedson ...	* Col. John Kennedy.	John H. Bell	**H. T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson.	S. L. Bedson...	G. F. Newcomb.	** J. J. Johnson ..	John H. Bell ...	J. W. Harris.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb ..	James Henderson.	John W Harris	‡ E. G. Conklin	J. J. Johnston..	John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb ..	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ..	* F. T. Bradley.	J. J. Johnston..	John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin...	R. McCuaig...	J. J. Johnston..	John H. Bell	**James Munro ..	Rev. James Flett.
1880	John H. Bell	‡ E. G. Conklin ..	* Hon. G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor	J. J. Johnston..	Wm. G. Scott	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	† D. B. Murray.	‡C. F. Forrest ..	J. J. Johnston..	James Henderson	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	Alfred Pearson..	‡C. F. Forrest ..	J. J. Johnston..	§H. D.P. LeCappelain.	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell	† D. B. Murray ..	R. McQuaig.....	† John Smith, M. D.	J. J. Johnston..	Wm. G. Scott	D. Young, M. D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	John H. Bell	‡ C. F. Forrest ...	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	N. J. Lindsay, M. D.	J. J. Johnston..	Wm. G. Scott	†William Simpson	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	‡C. F. Forrest	Alfred Pearson...	P McGregor ..	† Thos. Collins..	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	J. W. H. Wilson..	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	Alfred Pearson....	Peter McGregor ..	J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon ..	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. G. Bell.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell....	John McKechnie	Wm. G Scott	James S. Greig ..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas...	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown....	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Joseph Daniel....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos. L. Morton	Thos. McPherson	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne ..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1890	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos. McPherson	Fred. L. Newman.	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell.....	John W. H. Wilson	Richard D. Foley	John Leslie.....	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James G. Dagg ..	Rev. William J. Garton.

* Dead. ‡ Suspended N. P. D. † Removed from Jurisdiction. ** Withdrawn from Masonry. § Expelled.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell, Winnipeg,.....Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, Portage la Prairie,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley, Manitou.....Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Winnipeg,.....Grand Junior Warden.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Winnipeg, ...D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Highman, Adelpha,.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. George Davison, Portage la Prairie.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. George Little Stone, Rapid City.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Chas. Stoyte, Souris.....D. D. G. M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James Flett, Prince Albert.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat,.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Edward George Weeks, Regina,.....D. D. G. M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg .....Grand Treasurer.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg,.....Grand Secretary.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg, Selkirk,.....Grand Registrar.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William John Garton, Gladstone,.....Grand Chaplain.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred E. Hopkinson, Emerson,.....Grand Senior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Edwin Maynard, Deloraine, ...Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Jesse B. Walker, Lethbridge,.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Wilkinson, Winnipeg,.....Grand Organist.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin, Moosomin,.....Grand Pursuivant.
V.·. W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt, Winnipeg .....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Noble, Fort Qu'Appelle,.....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Peter Job Williams, Battleford,.....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Turner Child, Calgary,.....Grand Steward.
Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg,.....Grand Tyler.

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W.·. Bro. John H. D. Munson (1)..... .....Winnipeg.

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" " James Johnson White (25).....Winnipeg.
" " John Leslie (1).....Winnipeg.
" " Thomas Robinson (10).....Winnipeg.
W.·. " Charles Napier Bell (1) ....Winnipeg.
W.·. " Joseph Cornell (3) ....Wawanesa.
W.·. " John H. D. Munson (1) ....Winnipeg.

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R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. VanEtten, R.·. W.·. Bro. W. J. Ptolemy.

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R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe, W.·. Bro. J. J. White.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
British Columbia	John S. Hough	Winnipeg	February 18, 1887
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edward Isl'd.	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	Samuel L. Bedson	Stony Mountain	Nov. 18, 1879

From the United Kingdom.

England	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg	March 17, 1886
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	John H. Bell	Roseland	Nov. 6, 1884

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	Nov. 30, 1888
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie	Dec. 26, 1883
California	John W. H. Wilson	Portage la Prairie	October 6, 1885
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	Nov. 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg	January 11, 1889
District of Columbia	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	Nov. 27, 1888
Florida	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thomas Lewis Morton	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg	August 28, 1876
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Indian Territory	Donald Hope	Winnipeg	June 26, 1889
Iowa	Rev. A. W. Goulding	Stony Mountain	February 24, 1890
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Rapid City	Dec. 26, 1886
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg	January 18, 1881
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt	Portage la Prairie	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicol	Neepawa	Dec. 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	May 16, 1888
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd	Minnedosa	February 12. 1891
Montana	John H. Bell	Roseland	Nov. 22, 1875
Nebraska	Richard Dennis Foley	Manitou	Nov. 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	John Colwell	Brandon	March 7, 1890
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Winnipeg	Dec. 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Nov. 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	Duncan J. Campbell	Macleod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex G. McKenzie	Stonewall	Dec. 15, 1883
Pennsylvania	William G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 3, 1879
Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg	August 11, 1880
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Frederick L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Portage la Prairie	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa.	March 15, 1879
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 12, 1885
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1891
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
Washington	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	Minnedosa	Nov. 18, 1884
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assiniboia	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg	June 26, 1877

From Other Countries.

Cuba and Colon	John McOuat	Stoney Mountain	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Daniel H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885
Victoria	Thomas McPherson	Lethbridge, Alberta	March 16, 1891

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving, Q. C	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	W. F. Dibblee	Woodstock	October 2, 1875
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M.D.	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edward Isl'd	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Sept. 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	George W. Shannon	Dublin	Dec. 13, 1890
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	John Mills Brown	Vallego	May 9, 1877
Colorado	John Widderfield	El Moro	Dec. 19, 1883
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
District of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington	August 16, 1880
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassa	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo	Sept. 5, 1879
Iowa	George M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	Sept. 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	Dec. 10, 1886
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville	June 16, 1879
Louisiana	Henry Chaffee	New Orleans	June 8, 1877
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	Nov. 16, 1883
Minnesota	I. B. Cummings	Winona	1880

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D.	Sardis	Dec. 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	Nov. 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City	Dec. 14, 1883
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	Dec. 5, 1887
New Jersey	George W. Powe	Jersey City	May 13, 1891
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Samuel Jones	New York	January 15, 1876
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati	April 10, 1876
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Layfayette	
Pennsylvania	General Louis Wagner	Philadelphia	August 29, 1884
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Dandridge	January 10, 1882
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	Sept. 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Thomas T. Minor	Townsend	Sept. 20, 1876
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne	August 25, 1877

In Other Countries.

Cuba and Colon	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	William H. Tulloh	Sydney	October 30, 1889
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	Nov. 24, 1887
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	Feb. 16, 1891

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. Johns.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs.	Charlottetown.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke.	London.
Ireland	Archibald St. George, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	M. J. Greene	Montgomery Mas. T.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward Parmelee	Pueblo.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, D.C.,M.T.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	Boise City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, Dr. 872.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Mas. Tem.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, Mas. Temple.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord, Lock Dr. 16.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. Tem.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Las Vegas.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. T.
North Carolina	D. W. Bain	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati, P.O. B.755
Oregon	S. F. Chadwick	Salem
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbett	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence, Box 213.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charlestown.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
South Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Aberdeen.
Texas	W. F. Swain	Houston, P.O. Box 275
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Cheyenne.

EUROPEAN.

Austria Hungary	Joseph Hansdorfer	Budapest.
Belgium, Grand Orient of	Rian-Nedgrot	Brussels.
Denmark	W. Schytee	Copenhagen.
Germany—Three Globes	C. W. Linde	Berlin.
National	E. T. P. Meyerhoff	Berlin.
Royal York	Karl E. Bouche	Berlin.
Hamburg	Joseph I. Kli	Hamburg.
Hesse Darmstadt	Dr. Karl Nies	Darmstadt.
Union Electric	Karl Paul	Frankfort-on-the-Main
Saxony	F. G. Steubler	Dresden.
Bavaria	Alexander Puschkin	Bayreuth.
Greece	Andreas Kalivas	Athens.
Italy	Linge Castellozzo	Rome.
Portugal	Jayme Larcher	Lisbon.
Roumania	Dr. N. Theodoreschi	Bucharest.
Spain—		
Grand Symbolic Lodge of	Thomas Pescador	Madrid.
National	Juan Utory Fernandez	Madrid.
Sweden	A. H. Hjelmstierna	Stockholm.
Switzerland	Herman Krauss	Geneva.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued.

AFRICA.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria.
Liberia	H. A. William.	Monrovia
Tunis	Edward Nurri	Tunis.

AUSTRALASIA.

New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson	Dunedin.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
United Grand Lodge, N.S.W.	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
Victoria	T. H. Lempriere	Melbourne.

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Argentine Republic G. ·.O. ·.of	Otto E. Recke	Buenos Ayres.
Brazil	Alex. Freire do Arnaral	Rio de Janeiro.
Brazil, Grand Orient of	Antonio Pinto Mendez	Rio de Janeiro.
Costa Rica	A. Osborne	San Jose.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso.
Columbia, Sup. Council U.S. of	Damaro Sapota.	Carthagena.
Cuba and Colon	Jose F. Pellon	Havana.
Mexico	Enrique Aragon.	Mexico.
Peru	J. A. Ego. Aguirre	Lima.
Venezuela	Isaac J. Pardo	Carracas.

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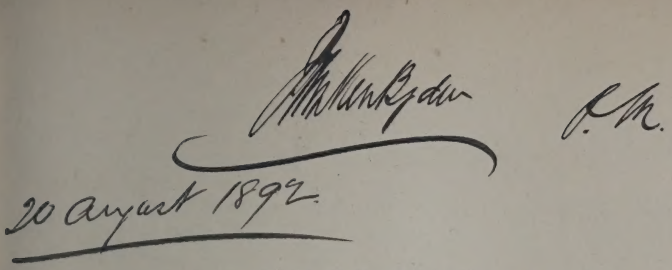

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Winnipeg, commencing on Wednesday, June 8th, A. D., 1892, A.L. 5892 at 8.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell, Winnipeg (3) .....Grand Master.
R " " John W.H. Wilson, Ptge. la Prairie,(7)..Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Frederick Leslie Newman, P. la P. (7).as Grand Senior Warden.
" " " John Leslie, Winnipeg (1)..... .....Grand Junior Warden.
V " " Charles Napier Bell, Winnipeg (1)..... ....D. D. G. M.
R " " John McKechnie, Winnipeg (1)..... ....Grand Treasurer.
" " " William George Scott, Winnipeg (1).....Grand Secretary.
" " " James George Dagg, Selkirk (2).....Grand Registrar.
" " " William John Garton, Gladstone (11).. .....Grand Chaplain.
" " Rev. Henry Longford Watts, Virden(43)as Grand Senior Deacon.
V " " James Edwin Maynard, Deloraine (40)..Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " Robert Wilkinson, Winnipeg (3).....Grand Organist.
" " " Francis Gladstone Lewin, Moosomin (35)....Grand Pursuivant.
" " John Chambers, Winnipeg (3).. .....as Grand Steward.
" " Arthur Edward James Durrant, P. la P. (7)..as Grand Steward.
" " James Rae, Boissevain (36).....as Grand Steward.
V " " Frank Duncan Stewart, Carman (9).....as Grand Steward.
" John McBride, Winnipeg (1).....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel P. Matheson (10).....Past Grand Master.
" " " Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara (10) ..... " "
" " " James Alexander Ovas (15)..... " "
R. " " John Walter Harris, (4) ....Past Deputy G. Master.
" " " William George Scott (1)..... " "

R.·. W.·.	Bro.	Simon Duffin (3)	P. G. Senior Warden.		
" "	"	Thomas Lewis Morton (11)	"	"	
" "	"	Alexander James Belch (4)	P. G. Junior Warden		
" "	"	Frederick Leslie Newman (7)	"	"	
" "	"	Willard Cooke Copeland (25)	P.D.D.G.M.	Dist.	No. 1
" "	"	William John Ptolemy (4)	"	"	1
" "	"	David James Goggin (10)	"	"	1
" "	"	Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)	"	"	1
" "	"	William Francis Ellis (30)	"	"	2
" "	"	James Leslie, (14)	"	"	4
" "	"	Frank White Peters (10)	"	"	5
" "	"	Michael Collins (29)	"	"	5
" "	"	Duncan John Campbell (37)	"	"	7
" "	"	James Andrew Payne (4)	P. G. Registrar.		
" "	"	Robert White Woodroofe (1)	"	"	
" "	"	Rev. Arthur William Goulding (12)	Past Grand Chaplain.		

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges:

Alabama	R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	James Leslie.
Arizona	"	"	"	James Andrew Payne.
California	"	"	"	John W. H. Wilson.
Canada	M.	"	"	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Delaware	R.	"	"	Alexander James Belch.
Florida	M.	"	"	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Georgia	R.	"	"	Thomas Lewis Morton.
Illinois	"	"	"	John Leslie.
Indian Territory	V.	"	"	Donald Hope.
Iowa	R.	"	"	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
Ireland	"	"	"	William George Scott.
Kansas	M.	"	"	James Alexander Ovas.
Michigan	R.	"	"	John McKechnie.
Mississippi	M.	"	"	William George Bell.
New Hampshire	R.	"	"	David James Goggin.
New Jersey	"	"	"	William John Ptolemy.
New York	"	"	"	John Walter Harris.
North Carolina	"	"	"	Duncan John Campbell.
North Dakota		"	"	John Henry Munson.
Nova Scotia	M.	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara.
Ohio	R.	"	"	Willard C. Copeland.
Pennsylvania	"	"	"	William George Scott.
Peru	V.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell.
Prince Edward Island		"	"	John J. Jackson.
Quebec	R.	"	"	Robert White Woodroofe.
South Dakota	R.	"	"	Frederick Leslie Newman.

Tennessee	R.·.	W.·.	Bro. Roland C. Brown.
Virginia	"	"	" William Francis Ellis.
Wisconsin	V.	"	" Thomas Robinson.
Wyoming	R.	"	" Simon Duffin.

Past Masters.

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William George Scott (1)
V.	"	"	Joseph Hursell (1)
R.	"	"	John McKechnie (1)
R.	"	"	John Leslie (1)
	"	"	John J. Jackson (1)
V.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)
R.	"	"	Robert White Woodroofe (1)
	"	"	John Henry Munson (1)
R.	"	"	James George Dagg (2)
	"	"	Richard Henry Gilhuly (2)
	"	"	John James Erskine (2)
	"	"	William Taylor (2)
M.	"	"	William George Bell (3)
R.	"	"	Simon Duffin (3)
R.	"	"	Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)
V.	"	"	Donald Hope (3)
	"	"	John Thomas Colton (3)
	"	"	Andrew Schmidt (3)
R.	"	"	Alexander James Belch (4)
R.	"	"	John Walter Harris (4)
R.	"	"	William John Ptolemy (4)
R.	"	"	James Andrew Payne (4)
	"	"	Alexander A. Aird (4)
	"	"	James Andrew Bell (4)
	"	"	James Henry Braden (4)
R.	"	"	John William H. Wilson (7)
R.	"	"	Frederick Leslie Newman (7)
R.	"	"	Roland C. Brown (7)
	"	"	John Mason (7)
	"	"	Byron Marcus Canniff (7)
	"	"	Arthur Edward James Durrant (7)
	"	"	Frank Duncan Stewart (9)
M.	"	"	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10)
M.	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (10)
R.	"	"	David James Goggin (10)
R.	"	"	Frank White Peters (10)
V.	"	"	Thomas Robinson (10)
	"	"	Herman Joseph Eberts (10)
	"	"	John Robert Grant (10)

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Lewis Morton (11)
R. " " Rev. William John Garton (11)
" " Archibald St. Clair McGregor (11)
" " Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11)
R. " " Rev. Arthur W. Goulding (12)
" " William Thomas Vincent (12)
" " Corbett Locke (13)
R. " " James Leslie (14)
M. " " James Alexander Ovas (15)
" " Marmaduke H. Fieldhouse (24)
R. " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25)
" " Napier Herbert Jackson (25)
V. " " James Alexander Carley (25)
" " Hyman Miller (25)
" " Lendrum McMeans (25)
R. " " Michael Collins (29)
" " James Dickson (29)
R. " " William Francis Ellis (30)
V. " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)
" " John McGuirl (35)
R. " " Duncan John Campbell (37)
" " Samuel Crawford Dinsmore (39)
V. " " James Edwin Maynard (40)
" " Hascall Ransford (42)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton (11), Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William Francis Ellis (30), the Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

The Minutes of the Grand Lodge at the Sixteenth Annual Communication, held on the 10th and 11th June A.D. 1891, having been printed and copies thereof distributed to the Lodges, the same on motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley (25), seconded by W.·. Bro. John J. Jackson (1), were taken as read and were confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bro. William G. Bell, then read his annual address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

I extend to you cordial and fraternal greetings on your assembling at this our Seventeenth Annual Communication. Let us, while we invoke the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. on our labors, give Him thanks for the manifold blessings and favors he has bestowed on us during the year now past, and ask from Him such wisdom in our deliberations that our works shall be productive of lasting benefit to our jurisdiction.

At this our annual assembly, it is, of course, expected that I shall give an account of my stewardship. I shall therefore endeavor to lay before you the manner in which I have discharged the duties of the important office with which you have entrusted me.

Fraternal Dead.

Before proceeding with the active work of the session it is proper that I should announce to you the names of those distinguished Craftsmen who during the past year have been called from labor on earth to refreshment in the Grand Lodge above.

It is my painful duty to announce to you that two members of our Grand Lodge have passed to the "Great Beyond" during the past year.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Lawrence Bedson, died at Ottawa, Ont., July 17th, 1891. Although not taking an active part of late in the work of Masonry, R.·. W.·. Bro. Bedson was, in the early days of our Grand Lodge, a zealous and valuable worker. He was a delegate to the first session of Grand Lodge, held May 12th, 1875, and was elected Grand Junior Warden. At the Annual Communication held June, 1876, he was elected Grand Senior Warden. On November 3rd, 1879, he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which position he held until his death. He was a faithful and efficient officer in the position of trust he held from the Government, and his charity and hospitality were proverbial. He died universally regretted.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Noble, Grand Steward of this Grand Lodge, died at his home, Fort Qu'Appelle, December 5th, 1891. I knew V.·. W.·. Bro. Noble long enough to discover that he was possessed of abilities much above the average, and endowed with many sterling qualities. He was beloved both by

his Lodge and the community in which he lived. By his death the Grand Lodge lost a valuable member, and the Lodge over which he presided, one whom they will find it hard to replace.

Since our last Annual Communication you have all heard, with I am sure, the deepest regret, of the death of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, heir presumptive to the British throne, which sad event took place Thursday, January 14th, last. It is long since so great a sorrow has befallen the Empire, and you all, without doubt, sympathize with his illustrious parents, and Her Majesty, our Queen, in their terrible bereavement.

His Royal Highness was initiated into Freemasonry not long after he attained his majority, the ceremony being performed by his father, the Prince of Wales. At the time of his death he was Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, and Past Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Lodge of England sustained another and a severe blow by the death of its Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell Clerke, which took place Christmas day last. R.·. W.·. Bro. Clerke had reached an eminence in Masonry which few have the opportunity, and still fewer the energy and ability, to attain. As Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England he was known the world over. The London *Free Mason* says: "Col. Clerke was, as it were, the pivot on which the whole system of English Free Masonry hinged, or we should say he was the centre about which our whole government machinery revolved. The loss of such a brother cannot but be felt by his Grand Lodge.

When the Grand Lodge of Canada meets in Annual Communication next month, two well-known faces will be missed, and the brethren will mourn the loss of two well-beloved members.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, died Feb. 22nd, 1892. No more warm-hearted, genial Mason is anywhere to be met than was R.·. W.·. Bro. Mitchell, whom it was always a pleasure to meet. His death was universally regretted.

R.·. W.·. Bro. David McLellan, Past Grand Treasurer, died March 16th, 1892. Of this Brother it can be truly said, "to know him was to love him." He lived respected and died regretted.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be robbed of half its pleasure when we know we are not to receive the kindly welcome and the warm hand-shake of these brethren. Those of us who have had the privilege of meeting them can appreciate what a loss the Grand Lodge of Canada has sustained by their death.

Arizona mourns the death of its Grand Orator, R.·. W.·. Bro. Huguenot Marion, who died July 27th, 1891.

Connecticut has lost M.·. W.·. Bro. Howard B. Ensign, Grand Master in the years 1860-1-2, who died August 28th, 1891.

Indiana misses M.·. W.·. Bro. William Hacker, Past Grand Master, who died September 5th, 1891.

Kansas,—R.·. W.·. Bro. Christian Beck, the faithful Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for thirty-four years, was called from his labors on earth February 3rd, 1892. He was the last member of the Grand Lodge of Kansas who was present at its organization in 1855. It is said of him "he was always deeply imbued with the grand principles of our noble institution, and worked with an earnestness for its upbuilding."

Louisiana.—M.·. W.·. Bro. John Fleming, Past Grand Master, died January 2nd, 1892.

Maine.—The Grand Lodge of Maine has lost the venerable and distinguished R.·. W.·. Bro. Ira W. Berry, its Grand Secretary for thirty-five years, who died Sept. 20th, 1891, aged ninety years. I quote from a brother of his Grand Lodge: "Rich in experience, wise in counsel, his loss will be deeply felt by the fraternity. By his genial and cheerful nature, his works of wisdom, deeds of kindness strewn all along the pathway of life, he ripened into glory, having finished his labors on earth."

Maryland.—M.·. W.·. Bro. John H. B. Latrobe, P.G.M., died Sept. 11th, 1891.

Pennsylvania mourns the loss of a distinguished Craftsman, M.·. W.·. Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, P.G.M., and editor of the *Key-Stone*, who died April 24th, 1892.

Tennessee lost two Past Grand Masters, M.·. W.·. Bro. Benjamin Rufus Harris died Nov. 11th, 1891. M.·.W.·. Bro. Jonathan Smith Davidson died June 26th, 1891.

I would recommend that suitable pages be set aside in our Proceedings for the above distinguished brethren.

Official Visits.

In the absence of a Grand Lecturer I deemed it to be my duty to visit as great a number of Lodges as possible, as I was convinced that in a number I could give needed instruction, and in others awaken a greater interest in the work. Of the forty-six Lodges I held meetings at forty-one, and from the enthusiasm manifested and the appreciation shown I have no doubt that my visits will be productive of much good. While the brethren everywhere showed me every attention and hospitality, still, from the amount of territory to be gone over, the vicissitudes of the weather and late trains, I at times found that the task was no easy or pleasant one. In the course of my official visits I travelled 3,500 miles, 250 of which were by stage.

I herewith give a list of Lodge meetings called, with the dates :

July 13th, 1891.....Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3.
" 15th, " ..... Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7.
Oct. 2nd, " ..... Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
" 30th, " .....Glenwood Lodge, No. 27.
" 31st, " .....Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.
Nov. 2nd, " ..... Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.
" 3rd, " .....Ashlar Lodge, No. 47.
" 4th, " .....Wapananung Lodge, No. 46.
" 5th, " .....Indian Head Lodge, No. 33.
" 6th, " .....Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32.
" 7th, " .....Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34.
" 10th, " .....Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.
" 9th, " .....Wascana Lodge, No. 23.
" 11th, " .....Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31.
" 13th, " ..... Alberta Lodge, No. 37.
" 14th, " .....Spitzie Lodge, No. 45.
" 16th, " .....North Star Lodge, No. 41.
" 18th, " .....Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.
Dec. 13th, " .....Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1.
" 27th, " .....Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.
Feb. 2nd, 1892 .....Glenboro Lodge, No. 48.
" 3rd, " .....Oakland Lodge, No. 9.
" 4th, " .....Treherne Lodge, U.D.
" 15th, " .....Manitou Lodge, No. 30.
" 16th, " .....Deloraine Lodge, No. 40.
" 17th, " .....Doric Lodge, No. 36.
" 18th, " .....Killarney Lodge, U.D.
" 19th, " .....Belmont Lodge, No. 13.
" 20th, " .....King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.
Mar. 2nd, " ..... St. John's Lodge, No. 4.
" 17th, " .....Northern Light Lodge, No. 10.
" 19th, " .....Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.
" 21st, " .....Neepawa Lodge, No. 24.
" 22nd, " .....Birtle Lodge, No. 39.
" 23rd, " .....Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14.
" 24th, " .....Corinthian Lodge, No. 15.
" 25th, " .....Carberry Lodge, No. 29.
" 26th, " .....Temple Lodge, No. 49.
Apl. 15th, " .....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
May 7th, " .....Emerson Lodge, No. 6.

While it is not my intention to refer particularly to my visits to the Lodges in the City of Winnipeg, or to draw comparisons between Lodges, still I think it would be proper for me to give a brief sketch of my visits to the outlying Lodges.

The first Lodge visited was Assiniboine, No. 7, July 15th. This was the first time I had the opportunity of meeting this Lodge since its amalgamation with Marquette No. 21. The improvement noticed was proof of the wisdom of that step. The work was exceedingly well done, the attendance large, and as the finances are in a good condition, this Lodge can justly claim to be one of the leading Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

Leaving Winnipeg October 26th, I held a meeting of Glenwood Lodge at Souris, Oct. 30th. A blizzard having been blowing all afternoon kept a number of the brethren from attending. The E.·. A.·. Degree was exemplified by V.·. W.·. Bro. Stoyte, D.D.G.M. The subordinate officers could improve their work with advantage to the Lodge. It is in a good state financially. The books are in fair condition, but the hall is not suitable.

Owing to a delayed train I did not reach Oak Lake until midnight, but found the Lodge open and a committee waiting to escort me to the Hall. The 1st degree was rendered in fairly good manner. The officers, with one exception, live a distance from the town, but from the record of their attendance it is evident that they appreciate the beauties of Masonry.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, at Virden, had just moved into a new and commodious Hall. W.·. Bro. Watts has labored faithfully for his Lodge, and he has the satisfaction of seeing it one of the best in the Province.

Owing to a delayed train I did not reach Whitewood until 9 o'clock a.m. Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, had its meeting next evening. The first degree was given by W.·. Bro. Miller, in an excellent manner. The books are well kept, and the Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Wapananung Lodge, No. 46, Broadview, works at a disadvantage. The M.·.W.·. and Wardens live about twenty miles from the town, and although regular attendants, they are not able to carry on the work of the Lodge as well as if they were on the ground. The degree was not as well given as I had seen it in other Lodges.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, is not as well worked as when I last visited it three years ago. The officers are not up in the work as they should be. They have an excellent hall, one of the best in the Jurisdiction, and as all work in harmony it is safe to look for an improvement soon. The Deacons of this Lodge, although living at a distance of twenty-five miles, are regular in their attendance.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32, was visited Nov. 6th. They had a good attendance, and the 1st degree was given by V.·. W.·. Bro. Noble in a most impressive manner. The candidate had ridden 62 miles to be present, and as business called him home he left immediately after being initiated, thus undertaking a journey of 124 miles to receive the 1st degree. It is safe to say he will make a zealous Mason.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34, visited Nov. 7th. The W.·. M.·. did not attend the meeting, as he pleaded business engagements, but I still think that by

using a little effort he might have been present. This Lodge can bear improvement.

At Wascana Lodge, No. 23, Regina, I had a splendid meeting as regards attendance, but although a brilliant array of Past Masters was present no degree was given, and some difficulty was experienced in even closing the Lodge. This Lodge lost its W.·. M.·. by his removal to Lethbridge, and they were as a sheep without a shepherd the greater part of the year. As they have a large number of zealous and intelligent Masons in the Lodge they will be all right as soon as they elect officers who reside in Regina.

Moosejaw Lodge, No. 26. This Lodge does good work. The attendance was fair and the members enthusiastic. They have had the misfortune since my visit to lose their Hall by fire, but as they were insured they will no doubt soon rise Phœnix-like from the ashes.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31. It was a real pleasure to visit this Lodge. The degree was given in an almost perfect manner. The Senior Deacon, Brother Wessell, gave the lecture in the 2nd degree as well as I had ever heard it given. The Senior Warden had travelled 240 miles to be present at the meeting. This Lodge is a credit to Grand Lodge.

Owing to a snow storm at this point I was unable to reach Lethbridge in time and was compelled to cancel my meeting.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Tweed, D.D.G.M., accompanied me from here and reaching Macleod Nov. 13th we visited Alberta Lodge, No. 37, that evening.. They had a large meeting, but with such an intelligent membership, and with officers of undoubted ability, it is a mystery to me how the work is so poorly done. I hope they will mend their ways ere long.

The weather had been steadily getting colder, and on the drive to Pincher Creek the Mercury was down to 23 degrees below zero. I am convinced that the much talked of Chinook is a myth, at least it did not put in an appearance while I was in this territory, and it strained my confidence in the veracity of the brethren who had led me to believe this was a land of perennial summer, when I arrived at Pincher Creek in a half frozen condition. However, the reception I experienced was calculated to thaw anyone out.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45—This little Lodge, situated on the confines of Alberta, is, in my opinion, the banner Lodge of our Jurisdiction, and a credit to Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding the severe weather, the brethren were out in full strength, some having ridden thirty-five miles to be present. I installed the officers, and the 1st degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner by W.·. Bro. Herron. V.·. W.·. Bro. Tweed was as much delighted as myself with the meeting, and we left Spitzie Lodge feeling as though it had done us good to have been with them.

Reaching Lethbridge Nov. 16th, on our return trip, we attended a meeting of North Star Lodge, No. 41. I expected to find a prosperous and well conducted

Lodge, and was not disappointed. W.·. Bro. Higinbotham and officers conferred the first degree in a most creditable manner. The hall is the finest outside of Winnipeg and since my visit has been handsomely furnished.

Reaching Dunmore Nov. 17th, I parted with V.·. W.·. Bro. Tweed, who returned home. I visited Moosomin Lodge Nov. 18th. V.·. W.·. Bro. Lewin and officers gave the first degree in a manner which did them credit. The attendance was large, and the meeting most enjoyable. This is decidedly one of the best Lodges I visited. It is a pity they have not a better hall, for the officers are handicapped by their present one.

In February I began my visits to the Lodges in the South-Western part of the Province, visiting Glenboro Lodge Feb. 2nd. The attendance at this meeting was small, but the work well done.

I was delighted on visiting Oakland Lodge, No. 9, on Feb. 3rd, to find that this Lodge which had been dormant for some three years had experienced a revival. W.·. Bro. Stewart gave the 1st degree in a creditable manner, and the officers did equally well. With plenty of work on hand, this Lodge has entered on a new era of prosperity. This meeting was most gratifying to me.

Treherne Lodge, U.D., was visited Feb. 4th. They meet in a very small hall, but as they are not numerous this is not a very great drawback. W.·. Bro. Frazer gave the third degree in a very impressive manner; but of the Wardens, the less said the better. I have seldom seen worse work, and I told them so.

I visited Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Feb. 15th. This Lodge has not been doing very well lately, but as R.·. W.·. Bro. Foley has again taken the chair, and the officers seem determined to improve, the Lodge will, I hope, again enjoy prosperity.

I should have been at Deloraine Lodge on the night of Feb. 16th, but as a blizzard had been raging all day, much to my disgust and discomfort, I spent the night in a snow drift, nor were we extricated until late the next night; so late indeed that I did not reach Doric Lodge at Boissevain until half past one o'clock in the morning following the evening for which the meeting had been called. I was, of course, obliged to cancel the Deloraine meeting, but the brethren of Doric were still awaiting me, and at 2 o'clock a.m. I was warmly welcomed at their hall. I did not have an opportunity of seeing a degree given, but from my knowledge of the officers, I have no doubt that their work is well done.

Killarney Lodge, U. D. This Lodge works only fairly well, but as the members are enthusiastic, I have no doubt it will be all right.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, has its reputation established as a well worked Lodge, and I may say the degree exemplified by W.·. Bro. Holloway, fully justified the reports I had heard. A large attendance, commodious, well furnished hall, and good work, made the evening an enjoyable one.

Owing to the train being late, I did not reach Morris until half past four in the morning, and had given up all hope of having a meeting, when to my

surprise I was met by a committee and shown to the hall where I found a large number of the brethren, nothing daunted by the hour, awaiting me. The first degree was given to a candidate in an excellent manner by W.·. Bro. Miliner. This Lodge is in a most prosperous condition, in fact, better than it ever has been.

On March 19th I began my visits to the Lodges in the North-Western part of the Province. On the evening of the 19th I visited Gladstone Lodge, No. 11. As this Lodge has conferred no degrees for about two years, I did not expect to find the officers very well posted, and I may say I had no cause to change the opinion I had formed. I gave the officers my candid opinion of them and they all agreed that it was correct. They have determined to hold meetings for instruction, and as they have plenty of latent ability, the needed improvement will no doubt show itself ere long.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24. This Lodge, after peacefully slumbering for some time, has at last awakened to a just sense of its responsibility. I conferred the 1st and 2nd degrees, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Davidson the 3rd. The officers have not yet had sufficient practice to work smoothly, but they are now all enthusiastic ; a number of good candidates are elected and everything points to a successful year.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14. I had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of this Lodge in their new hall at the laying of the corner stone of which I had been present two years before. The third degree was conferred, and it is only fair to the brethren to say that I never saw it given better ; not only was the ritual correctly and impressively rendered, but all the officers moved with military precision. It is true that three Past Masters occupied the East, West and South, but it only shows that the Past Masters of Prince of Wales Lodge have not forgotten how to work.

Owing to the absence of the W.·. M.·. and Secretary I had to forego my visit to Birtle Lodge.

My next visit was to Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, Rapid City. As this is the Lodge of which my predecessor, M.·. W.·. Bro. Ovas, is a member, I will only say that in everything it appears to be a good Lodge. W.·. Bro. Butchart conferred the first degree for the first time, and from the way he performed the work I should say the Lodge is safe in his hands.

Next day, after an exceedingly cold drive to Brandon, I found the train was fifteen hours late, but when I arrived in Carberry at two o'clock next morning the brethren were still in Lodge awaiting me. I did not see a degree conferred in this Lodge, but from what I saw of the closing I should say that perhaps it was just as well that I did not. A Lodge of instruction would certainly do no harm. This Lodge has moved into a new and commodious hall. The brethren say they will endeavor to put it on a better footing, and I hope they will succeed.

I arranged for a meeting in the afternoon of Temple Lodge at McGregor. A bare quorum was present, and no work done. The brethren agreed with me

that it was a mistake their having received a Charter. I do not really see where they can draw material from sufficient to make this a healthy Lodge.

Bro. J. G. Morgan, of Ancient Landmark Lodge, accompanied me on these visits, and I am under obligation to him for assistance given me.

On April 15th I visited Brandon Lodge, No. 19. They had a largely attended meeting, and the 3rd degree was well rendered by W.·. Bro. Dickson.

I visited Emerson Lodge, No. 6, on May 7th. The town has steadily decreased in population for the past eight years owing to removals to other parts of the Province, and the Lodge has lost a large number of its members in consequence, but those left endeavor faithfully to fulfil their duties.

Condition of Masonry.

To sum up, the impression I formed from my visits thoroughout the Jurisdiction is that Masonry is in a healthy, prosperous condition. Most of the Lodges have greatly improved of late, and nowhere are to be found more zealous and capable Masons. The Lodges are generally in a good condition financially, and, with few exceptions, the Secretaries perform their duties well. Harmony prevails in almost every Lodge. With a few exceptions, the officers are well up in the ritual, but in those minor details which go to make up a successful Lodge, many are deficient. Not having opportunities to compare their work with that of other Lodges, and having really no chance of obtaining instruction, many think that Grand Lodge should send them some well-skilled Craftsman to give the needed instruction. Something should be done, and I would recommemd that Grand Lodge place a sum of money at the disposal of the Grand Master, to be expended by him in paying the railroad expenses of well-skilled brethren to visit the outlying Lodges. I have no doubt that brethren will be found willing to give their services, and I know the Lodges will be only too glad to pay hotel expenses. This, brethren of Grand Lodge, merits your serious consideration.

Lodges Constituted.

The following new Lodges were constituted by brethren appointed by me for that purpose :

Spitzie, No. 45, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Wapananung, No. 46, Broadview, Assiniboia.

Ashlar, No. 47, Whitewood, Assiniboia.

Glenboro, No. 48, Glenboro, Man.

Temple, No. 49, McGregor, Man.

Dispensations for New Lodges.

I continued the dispensations of Treherne Lodge, at Treherne, Man. and Killarney Lodge, at Killarney, Man.

On August 12th I issued a dispensation for a new Lodge at Hartney, Man. Eight charter members—Bro. W. M. Osborne, W. M.; Bro. Vestus E. Casselman, S. W.; Bro. Richard Jackson, J. W. Lodge meets Tuesday, on or before full moon.

I would have hesitated to issue a dispensation for a new Lodge with such a small number of Charter members, but it is located at a new town with excellent prospects. The result of their work during the year will be laid before you for your consideration.

Dispensations.

I have issued the following dispensations:

To wear regalia at divine service—

June 23, 1891	Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1	June 28, 1891.
July 24, "	Lisgar Lodge, No. 2	July 26, "
June 23, "	Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7	June 28, "
July 13, "	King Solomon Lodge, No. 8	July 19, "
June 23, "	Gladstone Lodge, No. 11	June 28, "
July 11, "	Stonewall Lodge, No. 12	July 12, "
June 12, "	Belmont Lodge, No. 13	June 21, "
July 31, "	Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14	Aug. 9, "
Dec. 26, "	Kinistino Lodge, No. 16	Dec. 27, "
Dec. 23, "	Brandon Lodge, No. 19	Dec. 27, "
Nov. 5, "	Neepawa Lodge, No. 24	Nov. 8, "
June 12, "	Bow River Lodge, No. 28	June 28, "
Dec. 21, "	Manitou Lodge, No. 30	Dec. 27, "
June 12, "	Indian Head Lodge, No. 33	June 28, "
July 31, "	Doric Lodge, No. 36	Aug. 2, "
Dec. 24, "	Battle Lodge, No. 38	Dec. 27, "
June 23, "	North Star Lodge, No. 41	June 28, "
Sept. 23, "	Lebanon Lodge, No. 43	Sept. 27, "

To hold special installation of officers—

July 8, 1891	Emerson Lodge, No. 6	July 11, 1891.
Dec. 31, "	Oakland Lodge, No. 9	Jan. 12, 1892.
July 6, "	Indian Head Lodge, No. 33	July 17, 1891.
Dec. 24, "	Battle Lodge, No. 38	Jan. 6, 1892.
July 11, "	Lebanon Lodge, No. 43	July 21, 1891.
July 8, "	Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44	July 16, 1891.

To elect and install officers out of time—

Feb. 12, 1892	Northern Light Lodge No. 10	Feb. 13, 1892.
July 31, 1891	Doric Lodge, No. 36	Aug. 19, 1891.
Sept. 9, "	Spitzie Lodge, No. 45	Oct. 5, 1891.

Jan. 6th, 1892. To install Bro. Robt. Wynn, of Cascade Lodge No. 42, as W.·. M.·., he not having previously served as Warden.

Oct. 29th, 1891, Wapananung Lodge, No. 46, to hold special election, Jan. 7, 1892.

I refused a dispensation to Killarney Lodge, U.D., to confer two degrees on a candidate, on the same night.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, D.G.M.

Nov. 18th, 1891, Killarney Lodge, U. D., to raise Bro. A. C. Sharpe within the prescribed time.

June 12th, 1891, Killarney Lodge, U.D., to change time of meeting.

By-Laws Approved.

I approved the By-Laws of the following Lodges : Prince Rupert's, No. 1 ; Battle, No. 38 ; Lebanon, No. 43.

Healing.

By virtue of a dispensation dated 6th July, 1891, the D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. of Brandon District No. 5, Bro. James C. Stoyte, did in Brandon Lodge, No. 19, on the 9th of February, 1892, heal Robt. F. Hay, a former member of Moravian Lodge, No. 40, working under a Charter from the spurious Grand Lodge of Ontario. The mode of procedure in this case was the same as practised in the Grand Lodge of Canada, and adopted by my predecessor in office, M.·. W.·. Bro. Ovas.

Appeals and Complaints.

During my term of office I have received no complaints and only one appeal, that of Bro. H. W. Hardy, against Battle Lodge, which I referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for action.

Fraternal Relations.

Our relations with all other Grand Lodges continue to be most harmonious. I had the privilege of visiting the Grand Lodge of North Dakota at its last Annual Communication. As the Grand Master of Manitoba, I received a most cordial and fraternal reception. A motion was offered, changing the date of the Annual Communication to the second Wednesday in June, but when it was found that our Grand Lodge met on that day, and that this would interfere with our interchange of visits, the motion was at once changed to the third Wednesday.

While on a trip to Colorado last September, I had occasion to stop a short time in Omaha, and am indebted to R.·. W.·. Bro W. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary of Nebraska, for courtesies extended to me in showing me through his office. As Bro. Bowen is considered one of the model Grand Secretaries of the United States, I had expected to find, as I did, everything in perfect order.

While in Denver, Col., I was introduced to a Lodge by the Grand Master, who was making an official visit. As there was an exemplification of the Ritual and speeches from several Grand Officers, the evening was an interesting one. M.·. W.·. Bro. Ernest L'Neve Foster, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Parmlee, Grand Secretary, placed me under obligations by their kindness to me.

I visited the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at its Annual Communication in January. As your Grand Master, I was received with every courtesy, and the M.·. W.·. Grand Master in introducing me to the Grand Lodge, spoke in the kindest terms of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and referred to the fact that the

Grand Lodge of Minnesota had first planted the standard of Masonry in our Province. M.·. W.·. Bro. Barto has expressed his intention of being with us during this Communication, and I bespeak for him that courteous and fraternal welcome which he officially and privately merits.

In May I had the privilege and pleasure of welcoming to the jurisdiction, M.·. W.·. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, (in Ontario), and of presiding at a joint meeting of the Winnipeg Lodges, at which he delivered his highly interesting and instructive lecture on Freemasonry. Those who did not hear this, lost a literary and Masonic treat.

Grand Representatives.

I appointed the following as representatives of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near other Grand Lodges :—

10th Sept., 1891, Jethro C. Sanford, Durango, Col., representative near the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

16th Sept., 1891, E. J. Simpkins, Corsicana, Texas, representative near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

7th January, 1892, James Magor Symons, of Adelaide, S. A., representative near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

20th April, 1892, Donald Munro, Woodstock, N. B., representative near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Decisions.

I answered a large number of questions by referring the writer to that portion of our constitution covering the point. The following are the only decisions I deem it necessary to report :—

1st. An applicant for the degrees of Freemasonry is not debarred through having lost the index finger of his right hand.

2nd. The Committee on character having reported favorably, the W.·. M.·. if he considers it in the interest of his Lodge, can defer the ballot one month.

3rd. That I could not convene a special Communication of this Grand Lodge to lay one of four corner-stones of a church, the other three to be laid by church officials.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Reports from the D. D. G. M's of all the districts except Saskatchewan, No. 6, have been received and will be laid before you for your consideration. The statistical report sent out by the Grand Secretary has been used by each, and presents the state of Masonry in the several Districts in a very clear and comprehensive manner. I would draw your attention to the very excellent report of the D. D. G. M, of District No. 2. This officer has unquestionably performed his duty well.

It will be noticed that there is considerable difference of opinion between myself and some of the D. D. G. M's as to the condition of certain Lodges. I can only say I endeavored to give the plain unvarnished facts, while it has apparently been the intention of the D. D. G. M's to make too free a use of that much abused garment, "the broad mantle of Masonic Charity." I consider that Lodges will benefit more from official visits, if their shortcomings are brought home to them, than if they are buried under undeserved compliments.

As the several D. D. G. M's, whose reports have been received, have apparently performed their duties to the best of their ability, I would recommend that Grand Lodge confer on them the rank of R. W. Past District Deputy Grand Master. The D. D. G. M. of No. 6 District having the rank already, I make no recommendation in his case.

Recommendations.

A Masonic Congress is to be held in the City of Chicago, August, 1893. This is solely for the purpose of discussing subjects of interest common to all Grand Lodges. I would recommend that the Grand Lodge at its present Communication select and appoint Brethren as its representatives at this convention.

I would recommend that we follow the practice of numbers of the United States Grand Lodges, and limit the length of our commission to Grand Representatives to four years, at the same time asking for a report.

In Conclusion.

I would tender my warmest thanks to the Brethren all over our jurisdiction who extended to me so much hospitality, assuring them that the occasion of my official visits to the Lodges will ever remain a pleasant memory with me. To those Lodges which I did not visit, I would say that much as I would have liked to have met them, my "Cable tow was too short."

Brethren of Grand Lodge, I have now laid before you the result of my work during the year. I am deeply sensible of the honor you conferred on me one year ago. I know I have fallen short in many things, but in all my acts, I had in view the single purpose of promoting the advancement of our Order. In the discharge of my duties, I have endeavored to act faithfully and for the good of the Craft, and in resigning the Gavel into the hands of my successor, although terminating my official relations with you, I assure you that my interest in the cause of Freemasonry shall not abate.

WILLIAM GEORGE BELL,
Grand Master.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Frank White Peters (10) seconded by W.·. Bro. Arthur E. J. Durrant (7), the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1—Winnipeg District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for Winnipeg District, No. 1, respectfully reports as follows :

I have visited, officially, the following Lodges, viz :—Prince Rupert's, No. 1, Winnipeg ; Lisgar, No. 2, Selkirk ; Ancient Landmark, No. 3, Winnipeg ; St. John's, No. 4, Winnipeg ; Northern Light, No. 10, Winnipeg ; and Ionic, No. 25, Winnipeg. I regret, however, to be compelled to report that owing to a severe illness, necessitating my absence from the District during the past month, when I had arranged to visit Emerson Lodge, No. 6, Emerson, and Stonewall Lodge, No. 12, Stonewall, I have been unable to officially inspect these two Lodges, and I can only report that from advices received by me, both bodies are in a healthy and progressive state.

The City Lodges I have frequently visited unofficially, and on several occasions delivered discourses on Masonic Symbolism and kindred subjects.

On St. John's day, 27th December, 1891, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, and V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, I installed the officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, St. John's Lodge, No. 4, and Ionic Lodge, No. 25.

The work, both ritual and general, in the City Lodges, has left me no occasion for adverse comment, and I may state that while the especial ability of some particular master may have come to the foreground, the character of the work generally has never been better sustained than during the past year.

I cannot report too highly on the ritual work of Lisgar Lodge, No. 2. The rendition of their part by the subordinate officers, giving a perfect finish to the excellent effect produced by the W.·. M's earnest and well delivered addresses.

Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, has presented an admirable example to the other bodies of the Jurisdiction in setting apart the evenings of regular meetings—after routine business—exclusively for social intercourse between its members and visitors. Almost all of the heavy degree work of the Lodge has been carried on at emergent meetings. Experience has shown that both profit and pleasure has resulted from the adoption of this plan of action.

One interesting feature of the year's review is that Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, and Ionic Lodge, No. 25, the youngest City Lodges, have gained greatly in strength. Very excellent material has been added to each of these Lodges, and under the competent and earnest-minded masters we may confidently look for increased and well-sustained results in the future.

The finances and affairs of the Lodges visited are in a healthy condition, being carefully administered.

The members of the City Lodges attended divine service on June 28th, 1891, and I believe the other Lodges in the District followed the same course.

In September, 1891, Rev. Bro. William Walton, of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden, delivered a sermon in Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, on the subject of Freemasonry. A collection was taken up in aid of the Freemasons' Hospital of Morden, but I regret to say that the attendance was much lighter than the occasion fairly called for.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson favored the members and visitors of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, with a lecture on "Masonic Trials," at the regular meeting held November 4th, 1891.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. N. BELL,
D.D.G.M. No. 1, or Winnipeg District.

No. 2.—Emerson District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for Emerson District No. 2, respectfully reports as follows, viz :—

In submitting this my report for the year 1891-2, I have great pleasure in stating that Freemasonry in this district continues in a satisfactory condition, and is on the whole one of progress and prosperity.

Glenboro Lodge, No. 48.

Having received instructions from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to constitute this Lodge and install the officers, I duly performed that ceremony, assisted by W.·. Bro. Frank D. Stewart, of Carman, and W.·. Bro. W. G. Livingstone, of Glenboro, on the evening of July 9th, 1891. The Wor. Master and officers of the Lodge are full of Masonic zeal and no fault can be justly attributed to them should the Lodge not prove a great success. The material of the Lodge is good, and the Lodge room is well furnished. I again visited this Lodge at their regular

meeting, July 13th, witnessing the second degree conferred on two candidates by W.·. Bro. James Mitchell and his officers, and the work was performed in a very creditable manner. I then delivered an address on Masonry and exemplified the working of the third degree in the Canadian ritual, and strongly advised the Lodge to adopt it. I beg to observe here that I am not in favor of new Lodges adopting the York ritual, for two reasons: 1st That it requires well skilled officers to propound; 2nd That District Deputy Grand Masters cannot maintain the same supervision over them as they can over those working under the Canadian ritual, unless well posted in both rituals.

I also started for Glenboro with the intention of visiting this Lodge on the the 19th of March, 1892, but owing to the railroad strike then in progress I was unable to reach there on that date; I however examined the lodge books on the morning of the 21st March, and found them in first-class order. The finances of the Lodge are in excellent condition, and the membership is steadily increasing.

Treherne Lodge, U. D.

I visited this Lodge on the evening of March 21st, 1892, and at my request the Worshipful Master exemplified the third degree. This he did in a very satisfactory manner, but found that the other officers of the Lodge were very imperfect in their work, and advised them to hold Lodges of instruction as often as possible. I then held a Lodge of instruction in the three degrees, followed by an address on Masonry, and a lecture on the tracing board. The books of this Lodge are kept in a creditable manner.

Oakland Lodge No. 9.

I visited this Lodge, July 11th, 1891, only seven members being present. Masonry in Carman appeared to be at a very low ebb. The Lodge had held no meetings for several months, and no election of officers had been held for three years. The books of the Lodge were not written up, in fact, everything seemed in the worst possible condition. I found a few of the brethern, notably, brothers Frank D. Stewart, William J. Hemenway and George E. Laidlaw filled with Masonic enthusiasm. These brethern deserve great praise for their perseverance in holding the Lodge together, under the most unfavorable circumstances. I advised them to secure a new hall and to apply for a dispensation to hold an election of officers.

I again visited this Lodge on the 23rd March, 1892, finding 23 members in attendance, and all enthusiastic as to the future of the Lodge. This Lodge is now in good standing and excellent condition, having provided themselves with new jewels, charts and working tools. The Worshipful Master, Wardens and other officers being full of Masonic zeal, are working hard to make the Lodge successful. Worshipful Bro. Frank D. Stewart has conferred all the degrees since the election of officers, and I feel certain that under his guiding hand Masonry is receiving such an impetus as to fully warrant the prediction that a new era of development has commenced for Oakland Lodge. I afterward held a Lodge of instruction in the three

degrees, followed by an address on Masonry and a lecture on the tracing board. The books of the Lodge are still in bad shape, but Bro. Geo. E. Laidlaw assured me that he would have them written up without delay.

I beg leave to recommend to the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge that Glenboro, Treherne and Oakland Lodges be added to Winnipeg District, or formed into a separate district. Owing to the long distance between the main line of the Can. Pacific Railway and the Glenboro branch, strong objections are being made to their being added to the Brandon District.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.

I visited this Lodge officially on March 28th, 1892, and found the officers well skilled in their work, and the records neatly and correctly kept. The second degree was conferred on one candidate by the Worshipful Master, and I must say, that for accuracy of ritual, the work of this Lodge is second to none in the district. I also held a Lodge of instruction, delivering an address on Masonry and a lecture on the tracing board.

The Lodge has purchased new furniture and working tools, and have as comfortable a Lodge room as any in this jurisdiction

Belmont Lodge, No. 13.

I visited this Lodge on the evening of March 24th. Numerically, this is the banner Lodge of the District. At my request the W.·. M.·. conferred the first degree, and much to my surprise, in a very imperfect manner, nor were the other officers of the Lodge proficient in their work, while from questions asked, the members also seem to be deficient in a knowledge of the three degrees. The financial standing of the Lodge is good and the books well kept. I delivered an address on Freemasonry, followed by a lecture on the tracing board.

Manitou Lodge, No. 30.

I had the pleasure of visiting Manitou Lodge on the 30th of March. The W.·. M.·., R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley, exemplified the third degree in an excellent manner, but the Wardens and other officers are not sufficiently skilled to give him proper support and assistance. There is great room for improvement in this Lodge. I observed a great lack of decorum among the brethern, but think that an interchange of visits would help to overcome this fault. The books are neatly kept and in accordance with the Constitution. Some of the members are much behind with their dues, which impairs the financial standing of the Lodge, but the W.·. M.·. assured me that this difficulty would be attended to at once. I also delivered an address on Freemasonry, with a lecture on the tracing board, and examined the members in the three degrees.

Doric Lodge, No. 36.

Being a member of this Lodge, I have attended most of the meetings held during the past year. This Lodge having failed to hold an election of officers at the regular meeting in June, (from which I was unavoidably absent) it became

necessary to apply for a dispensation to elect and install the officers on August 19th, when on my official visit I had the pleasure of installing the W.·. M.·. and other officers of the Lodge. The attendance up to that date had been good, but owing to ill-feeling among some of the members, the attendance had fallen away considerably. I notified the W.·. M.·. that I would attend officially at the regular meeting on February 10th and hold a Lodge of instruction. This arrangement was carried out, also delivering a lecture on the tracing board and an address on Freemasonry. The books of this Lodge are kept in accordance with the Constitution.

I had also the pleasure of meeting the M.·. W.·. Grand Master at an emergent meeting of this Lodge, held February 19th, being his official visit, on which occasion the brethren were favored with a short and instructive address.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40.

I visited this Lodge on the night of its regular meeting, November 17th, 1891. Owing to some delay in issuing the notices of meeting by the W.·. M.·. there was a small attendance. The first degree was conferred on one candidate by W.·. Bro. C. A. Young, W. M., in a very satisfactory manner, ably assisted by the other officers, who are also well posted in their work. The books are neatly kept and are a credit to the Lodge. Following the initiation ceremony, I held a Lodge of instruction, also delivering an address on Freemasonry, with a lecture on the tracing board.

Killarney Lodge U. D.

By request Killarney Lodge was visited by me on the night of its regular meeting, September 18th, 1891, at which time I conferred the third degree on one candidate and delivered an address. I again visited the Lodge on the night of the regular meeting, November 13th, 1891, when the W.·. M.·. conferred the second degree on one candidate, but in a very unsatisfactory manner. I strongly advised the W.·. M.·. and officers to hold Lodges of instruction, and thereby become better posted in their work. I also held a Lodge of instruction at this time, followed by a lecture on the tracing board.

I again visited this Lodge by request on May 13th, 1892, and conferred the third deegree on one candidate. There has been a marked improvement in the work of the officers, and I now feel justified in advising that Killarney Lodge be granted a charter.

On conclusion of the duties devolving upon me as D. D. G. M. for Emerson District, No. 2, and submitted by me in the foregoing reports on the condition of the several Lodges in the District, I feel that I cannot allow the present auspicious moment to pass without expressing my sincere and heartfelt thanks to you, M.·. W.·. Sir, and to the brethern of the District for having elected me to the honorable position I have held during the past Masonic year, and trust that the exercise of the duties incumbent thereon have been satisfactorily performed and may meet with your approval.

I may here add that, from my past experience, I can safely bespeak for my successor in office, the same kind consideration that has been invariably extended to me by the brethren of the District during my term of office.

Nor must I omit to tender my best thanks to the R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary for the courtesy he has at all times extended to me, with his ever readiness to advance the interests of Freemasonry within the jurisdiction, feeling well assured that under his guiding hand, Freemasonry therein is bound to prosper.

Nothing now remains but to pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may continue to preserve our Order by cementing and adorning it with every moral and social virtue.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN HIGHMAN,
D. D. G. M., No. 2, or Emerson District.

No. 3.—Portage la Prairie District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M..

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for Portage la Prairie District, No. 3, respectfully reports as follows, viz :

I am pleased to report that Freemasonry in this District has been steadily progressing since the last Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge and is now in a very satisfactory condition.

I have attended to all the duties you have assigned to me. Have visited all the Lodges in the District except Gladstone, No. 11, which I regret I was unable to visit, owing to my inability to make train connections when on my way to visit Neepawa Lodge, No. 24. However, R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. J. Garton, W.·. M.·. met me at the depot when I was passing through Gladstone, and I learned from him that although the Lodge is not rapidly increasing in membership it is doing good work in the interests of Freemasonry. The finances are in a satisfactory condition and the books neatly and correctly kept.

Temple Lodge, No. 49.

Acting under your Dispensation, I constituted this Lodge, and installed the officers on June 24th, 1891. I was accompanied by seven members of Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7. R.·. W.·. Bro. F. L. Newman conferred the E. A. degree and W.·. Bro. Richard Taylor the F. C. degree. After the business of the evening had been concluded the visiting brethren were entertained at a supper, when a most enjoyable time was spent.

I visited this Lodge again on July 22nd, 1891, accompanied by six members of Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7. On this occasion the E. A. and F. C. degrees were conferred by the officers of the Lodge, and the M. M. degree by myself.

I am pleased to report that under the skilful guidance of W.·. Bro. Wm. Cairns, W. M., and the other officers the work is being well done, and the attendance of the brethren fairly good. The Lodge is in a very good financial position, and the books neatly and well kept.

NEEPAWA LODGE, No. 24,

I visited this Lodge officially on May 11th, 1892, and am pleased to report that it is in first class working order. The officers are well skilled, and the degrees are conferred in a manner that reflects credit on them. The prospects of the Lodge were never brighter, as eight new members have been admitted since January 1st, 1892. On the occasion of my visit the E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate, two were passed to the F. C. degree, and four raised to the sublime degree of M. M. The finances are in a very satisfactory condition. The books are neatly and correctly kept, and the members look to the future with confidence.

ASSINIBOINE LODGE, No. 7.

As a member of this Lodge I have been regularly in attendance at its meetings during the past year. On the evening of July 15th, 1891, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Chaplain, visited the Lodge officially, on which occasion two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M. M. The Grand Master addressed the brethren, and referred in complimentary terms to the manner in which the work was done, and gave some good sound Masonic advice, after which an adjournment was made to the refreshment rooms, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

This Lodge is making a good healthy growth. The finances are in a flourishing condition. The books are kept in a manner that reflects credit on Bro. Alex. Bowman, the efficient and painstaking Secretary. The true spirit of Masonic charity shines forth with great brilliancy and effect in this Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE DAVISON,
D. D. G. M. No. 3, or Portage la Prairie District.

No. 4.—Minnedosa District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for Minnedosa District, No. 4, respectfully reports as follows, viz :

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 14.

On March 11th I paid an official visit to Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa, accompanied by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, R.·. W.·. Bro.

James Rogerson. and other brethren of Corinthian Lodge, No. 15. There were about twenty members present. We had the pleasure of witnessing the 1st degree conferred on two candidates. One by W.·. Bro. T. H. Jackson, W. M., and one by W.·. Bro. A. C. Sewell, and as is usual in this Lodge, the work was done in a most satisfactory manner. I found the books well and neatly kept, the finances of the Lodge in good shape, and all the officers of the Lodge well up in their work.

The brethren accompanying me, and myself, were most hospitably entertained, and altogether we had a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Birtle Lodge, No. 39.

In company with M.·. W.·. Bro. J. A. Ovas, I visited this Lodge officially, on May 17th. About 15 members were present. This Lodge is not in as good condition as I would like to see it. Owing to the absence for some time of the W.·. M.·. and Secretary, through illness, very few meetings have been held, but of the brethren have now returned with renewed health I hope they will soon be able to do better. There being no work on the night of my visit, I am not able to say in what manner the degrees are conferred. The opening and closing ceremonies were fairly well performed, and with more practice would be very good. M.·. W.·. Bro. Ovas gave the brethren some very good advice and instruction on Lodge work, which seemed to be appreciated, and as there is plenty of good material in the Lodge, I hope to hear of them occupying a first place next year. The books are in good shape, and the Lodge has a very substantial balance in the treasury.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15.

This being my mother lodge, and having attended most of the meetings held during my term of office, I did not deem it necessary to visit officially. The work, both in the opening and closing ceremonies and conferring of degrees, is well done. The books are properly kept, and the finances are in a very satisfactory condition.

On November 17th, 1891, W.·. Bro. Rev. H. L. Watts, W. M. of Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden, very kindly paid Corinthian Lodge a visit, and delivered a lecture on the teachings of Masonry, which was most instructive, and highly appreciated by the brethren. Were more evenings spent in thi manner, we would both individually and as a Lodge be much benefitted.

In conclusion, it affords me much pleasure to report that peace and harmony prevail in this District.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. L. STONE,
D.D.G.M. No. 4, or Minnedosa District.

No. 5.—Brandon District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master, of Brandon District, No. 5, respectfully reports as follows, viz :—

New Lodge.

Acting under your instruction, I instituted Hartney Lodge at Hartney, Manitoba, on September 22, 1891. The prospects of the Lodge are good, and the W.·. M.·. and Wardens well skilled.

Healing.

In accordance with your instructions, I healed Robert F. Hay, of Carberry, as a Master Mason, in Brandon Lodge, No. 19, on February 9th, 1892, having found him proficient in the three degrees of Craft Masonry.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19.

I visited this Lodge officially on February 9th, 1892. The hall is commodious and well furnished, and the books neatly and well kept. The officers are enthusiastic and efficient in their work. The Lodge is blessed with several P. M's who are thoroughly competent Masons, and ever ready to assist their junior brethern. The Lodge has had heavy demands on its funds for charitable objects, individual members also contributing largely.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29.

I failed to visit this Lodge officially on account of the bad state of the roads and the wet weather I experienced on the day of my intended visit. I drove twenty-five miles in the rain and then missed the train. However, I have obtained the information given in the statistical report from the Secretary.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

I visited this Lodge officially on April 8th, 1892. The hall, though sufficiently large, leaves much to be desired in the way of comfort. The books are well kept and are written up to date. The officers are well capable of conferring the degrees. The Lodge has a large credit balance in the bank, and its membership is steadily increasing.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.

I visited this Lodge officially on April 5th 1892. The hall is commodious and comfortable and well furnished. The books are neatly and accurately kept. The officers are well skilled and are most enthusiastic Masons. The W.·. M.·. gives the lectures in the three degrees, with the aid of a lantern, in a most impressive manner. This is a Lodge in which Masonry is thoroughly alive, and the centre of that life is its W.·. M.·.

OAK LAKE LODGE, No. 44.

I visited this Lodge officially on April 7th, 1892. The hall is commodious, but "barn-like," and sufficiently equipped. The officers are working well and the books correctly kept.

HARTNEY LODGE, U. D.

I failed to visit this Lodge officially, but I visited the town and interviewed the W.·. M.·. and Secretary. I inspected the hall and furniture and examined the books. These I found in a most satisfactory state.

I would reiterate the suggestion of one D. D. Grand Master of last year, with regard to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, in order to ensure a greater uniformity of work in the various Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. STOYTE,
D. D. G. M., No. 5 or Brandon District.

No. 6.—Saskatchewan District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for Saskatchewan District, No. 6, respectfully reports as follows, viz :

KINISTINO LODGE, No. 16.

This Lodge has a membership of 57, and is in an efficient and prosperous condition. The Lodge room is well fitted up and comfortable. Kinistino Lodge is much indebted to W.·. Bro. H. U. Bain, M. D., the immediate Past Master, for its present satisfactory position. In December, on retiring from the East, a jewel was presented to him as a token of acknowledgment of his work for the Craft. I visited the Lodge officially on May 20th, when W.·. Bro. J. F. A. Stull, passed two candidates to the 2nd degree.

BATTLE LODGE, No. 38.

This Lodge is also apparently in a progressive condition. At my official visit, June 1st, two candidates were raised to the third degree. I noticed that the greatest care is taken in instructing the candidates in the working of the various degrees. W.·. Bro. B. A. Lawson, is well skilled in the work.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES FLETT,
D.D.G.M. No. 6 or Saskatchewan District.

No. 7.— Alberta District.

To the M.·. W.·. GrandMaster
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for Alberta District, No. 7, respectfully reports as follows, viz :—

During my term of office, I have visited the following Lodges, in the order named :

Alberta Lodge No. 37, Macleod ; Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek ; North Star Lodge, No. 41, Lethbridge ; Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, Medicine Hat.

I regret that I found it impossible to visit the remaining Lodges in the District, viz : Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary ; Cascade Lodge No. 42, Anthracite.

The fact that your official visit was so timed as to permit of my accompanying you during that portion of it which was devoted to Alberta District, gave me great pleasure. I will, in consequence thereof, be relieved of the necessity of reporting on the state of Masonry, apart from accompanying statistical report, and other matters more directly affecting the duties of a D. D. G. M.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37.

On November 13th, 1891, I visited Alberta Lodge, No. 37, at Macleod, and found everything in good working order. The books are well kept. I had the pleasure of seeing the first degree exemplified in a satisfactory manner by W.·. Bro. Wm. Pocklington.

When it is considered that many of the brethern of this Lodge live at a great distance from the lodge room, and have to travel many miles to attend meetings, it is all the more creditable that the Lodge has come through its struggle, and now bids fair to be one of the best in the jurisdiction. Permission was given the Lodge to move into new premises after due inspection of the same, and the Lodge has gone to a great deal of expense in furnishing their new hall. I regret very much that I have been unable to secure a statistical report from the present Secretary, although I have written him twice, urging upon him the necessity of sending one. Had time permitted I would have written to the W.·. M.·. W.·. Bro. R. Patterson, who is a most zealous Mason, and who would surely have attended to the matter, but as W.·. Bro. Patterson lives out of town, I thought the surest way was to write to the Secretary. I will throw over him the broad mantle of charity, by assuming that he could not have received my communications.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45.

The brethren of this Lodge enjoy the privilege of daily beholding, perhaps the grandest of all grand views of the Rockies. As we drove up to this pleasant little town, we were struck with admiration upon beholding the semi-circle of

hills and mountains on the north and west, and afterward wondered if the constant contemplation of these specimens of the everlasting sentinels reminded them of their Masonic duties, because the meeting I visited on the 14th of November, although the weather was rather cold, was very well attended, one brother (Bro. W. G. Haultain) coming on horseback over thirty miles, and many others nearly as far. By the way, the family of Haultain must be a good Masonic family, because Bro. F. W. G. Haultain, of Macleod, cheerfully gave his time for two days and drove us to Pincher Creek and back, which was much appreciated. This is a good Lodge, well worked, well furnished, and its books in beautiful shape, in the hands of Bro. H. E. Hyde.

R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Campbell was authorized by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, in my absence, to constitute this Lodge, which he did on the 17th of July, 1891. The officers elect were duly installed on the 14th November by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, assisted by W.·. Bro. John Herron and myself. The brethren of Spitzie Lodge cannot be too highly commended for the great Masonic zeal they have shown in carrying on the work of their Lodge under many difficulties. The Lodge room is neat and well furnished. W.·. Bro Herron, in a highly creditable way, introduced a candidate to Masonic Light.

North Star Lodge.—No. 41.

This Lodge was visited on November 16th, 1891. Here I found the brethren in their new and commodious quarters, not yet fully furnished, but I was assured that furniture was on the way that would adorn the capacious and well finished lodge room. This Lodge has not departed from the rigid yet kindly training it received from R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson in its early history, who is justly considered the Father of Lethbridge Masonry, and whose name will always be revered by the brethren of North Star Lodge. The number of young men in this Lodge is noticeable, and the subordinate officers vie with their superiors in the excellence of their work, in fact, in all the Lodges visited, I was favorably impressed with the earnestness of the younger members, especially those who had been honored with offices. W.·. Bro. D. J. Higinbotham performs his duties well, is enthusiastic, and in his hands the true interests of the Lodge will not suffer. The books were a model of neatness, and correctly kept. There seems to be a true Masonic spirit among the brethren here.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31.

This being my own Lodge I have attended nearly every meeting during the year, visiting officially on May 11th, 1892. There was a splendid turnout of the brethren, and as in all well-attended meetings, each officer was on his mettle. The second degree was conferred on two candidates, and the lecture by the Senior Deacon was perfectly given by Bro. Nelson R. Wessel. The degree was given like clockwork, and W.·. Bro. Wm. T. Finlay is to be congratulated on the general excellence of the work, which, duty compels me to say is second to none in the District, that I have seen. The books are in excellent order. The Lodge room is very commodious, well furnished and well insured. The small average attendance is accounted for by the fact that a great many of the members are railway men.

Bow River Lodge, No. 28.

This Lodge is the strongest in membership in Alberta District, and the oldest as well. I regret exceedingly that I could not visit this Lodge, but console myself, however, with the thought that it is well presided over by W.·. Bro. A. W. F. Cooper, who has the advice and assistance of what might be termed an "old guard" of Past Masters, among whom are numbered several P.D.D.G.M's. I have visited this Lodge on former occasions in an unofficial capacity, and from reports I have heard the high standing of the Lodge has not been impaired. The furniture, etc., of the Lodge is well insured.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42.

This Lodge asked permission to remove to Banff, having on April 7th unanimously passed a resolution to that effect. After satisfying myself that the interests of all concerned would be conserved, that none would suffer, nor the harmony be disturbed, I granted their request. The brethren, a large majority of whom reside at Banff, have been at a great disadvantage in attending meetings at Anthracite, and are deserving of great credit for carrying on the work of the Lodge under such trying circumstances. The varying fortunes of the town of Anthracite left the responsibility almost wholly upon the brethren of Banff, and right nobly are they bearing it, and reports now indicate a more hopeful condition of affairs. The Secretary is prompt in his duties, and of good report generally. I regret I have not had the pleasure of visiting the brethren of Cascade.

I trust that some plan will be adopted whereby Grand Lodge will be enabled to send out to the various Lodges some well-skilled brother who will be able to instruct in both works, thereby insuring a greater measure of uniformity.

The harmony throughout the District is apparently perfect, no cases of dispute having been submitted during the year. I have met with the greatest kindness and hospitality from the brethren wherever I have gone, for which I sincerely thank them. The Secretaries of the various Lodges, on whom for the smooth working of the Lodge so much depends, have, with the one exception before mentioned, promptly answered all communications that I have sent them.

In conclusion, M.·. W.·. Sir, I may be permitted to say that your official visit has been productive of much good, and has been highly appreciated by the brethren of Alberta District, on whose behalf I beg to thank you sincerely.

In obedience to the behest of last year's special "Committee on the State of Masonry," I have tried to avoid the "panegyrics of Masonry" on the one hand, and universal flattery on the other. In our District the Lodges are isolated, and under all circumstances are doing well, and should be encouraged as they deserve.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS TWEED,
D.D.G.M. No. 7, or Alberta District.

No. 9.—Assiniboia District.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for Assiniboia District, No. 9, respectfully reports as follows, viz :—

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.

I regret to have to report that the brethren of this Lodge have been unfortunate in having their lodge room destroyed by the late fire, and having allowed the insurance to expire a few days before it occurred, are thereby losers to the extent of about $80.00. The books, charter and regalia were saved. I went to Moose Jaw on April 26th with the intention of visiting the Lodge, but owing to their misfortune, the brethren were unable to hold a meeting. They have, however, secured a room which, with a few alterations, will accommodate them until a better can be obtained.

W.·. Bro. Jas. N. McDonald being away on business, I was unable to see him, but from conversation had with R.·. W.·. Bro. T. W Robinson and W.·. Bros. James Brass and R. H. Lowe, I think I can safely report that they are able to carry on the work of the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. They have all the books and forms required, and the books are kept in accordance with the Constitution. The brethren expect to be in their new hall for the May meeting.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.

I visited this Lodge officially on May 5th, and cannot say too much in praise of the officers. V.·. W.·. Bro. F. G. Lewin, conferred the E. A. and F. C. degrees, and I have not seen better work done during my residence in the North West Territories. The lecture on the tracing board in the first degree was most ably given. I also observed that Bro. Lewin would call on Past Masters to take up portions of the work, which duty was also well done, thus showing that these brethren had not tired of Masonry after leaving the chair. The Wardens and Deacons performed their part of the work in true Masonic style, always saluting the W.·. M. This, I find, is not done in every Lodge, and generally in a very careless manner, and have referred to it in other Lodges. During the evening refreshments were served. The Lodge was closed about 12 p. m., after having spent a profitable and enjoyable evening. They have all the necessary books required by the constitution, all of which are neatly kept. The exterior of the Lodge has not a very Masonic appearance, but the interior is very comfortably furnished.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 7.

During the month of June, 1891, I received from R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, the charter and authority to constitute this Lodge, which

ceremony I performed on July 23rd. There being no other Past Master present, I was unable to confer the degree of Past Master on W.·. Bro. Alex. Miller, the Worshipful Master. I visited the Lodge officially on May 6th, 1891, and found some improvement in their work since my former visit. That the brethren are not as well up in the work as they should be, is due to the fact that the majority of the members reside at a considerable distance from the town, and therefore cannot attend as often as they otherwise might do. They are, I am sure, all enthusiastic Masons, and would, I feel confident, have their work more perfect, were it not for this difficulty. I found W.·. Bro. Miller to be an energetic worker, he having made most of the paraphernalia of the Lodge. They have all the books required and all neatly kept. Carelessness is, however, shown in the minute book, the names of mover and seconder of motions being sometimes omitted and afterwards written in with pencil. The Lodge room is also used for the public school, which sometimes causes much inconvenience when wanted for Masonic purposes, as there is no convenient room adjoining the Lodge. I can see no remedy for this until a better hall can be obtained. W.·. Bro. Miller exemplified the first degree, but as he was not feeling very well, in a somewhat imperfect manner.

Wapananung Lodge, No. 46.

The charter and authority to constitute this Lodge were received from the Grand Secretary in June, and the Lodge was constituted on August 6th. Assisted by V.·. W.·. Bro. F. G. Lewin, of Moosomin, and W.·. Bro. P. C. Duncan, of Brandon, I conferred the degree of Past Master on W.·. Bro. Jas. A. Sutherland, W. M. I visited the Lodge officially on the 7th of May, and find that it suffers from the same difficulty as Ashlar Lodge, viz : Members residing at a distance from town ; however we had a good meeting, some of the members having driven ten miles to be in attendance. I found some improvement in the work. The first degree was exemplified by W.·. Bro. Sutherland, and was very well done. The other officers are young Masons and not yet very well posted but as they appear to be enthusiastic, and W.·. Bro. Sutherland is determined to have the work done properly, I feel sure that it will be done. The second degree was exemplified by myself. The lodge room presents a comfortable appearance. They are provided with the necessary books, which are properly kept, and have the proper forms as prescribed by the Constitution. I feel confident of the future prosperity of this Lodge.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33.

In July, 1891, I received a request from the brethren of this Lodge to install their officers, which I did, on July 17th, and assisted by W.·. Bros. Josiah Blount and G. Thompson, conferred the P. M. degree on W.·. Bro. Jas. Conn, the W.·. Master. I again visited the town of Indian Head on May 9th, 1892, but owing to illness the W.·. M.·. was absent, and the roads being very bad and the date coming three days after the regular meeting of the Lodge, it was impossible to get the brethren together, so that no meeting was held. I cannot, therefore, report as to the ability of the W.·. Master to confer the degrees. The Lodge has

all the necessary books, which are well looked after by the energetic secretary, Bro. H. H. Campkin. They have a comfortably furnished lodge room, and appear to be working together in harmony.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34.

I visited this Lodge officially on May 10th, remaining one day in order to attend at the regular meeting. There being no candidates, W.·. Bro. E. W. Warner, at my request, exemplified the first and second degrees. I have endeavored in every Lodge visited, to see the degrees either conferred or exemplified, but have not always been successful. W.·. Bro. Warner, being a little nervous and not feeling well, requested me to exemplify the third degree, which request I complied with. The Wardens and other officers do their work very well. The lodge room is very comfortable and nicely furnished. They are also in possession of the necessary books for the proper management of the Lodge, which are well kept by Bro. F. Bell, Secretary.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32.

I paid a visit to Fort Qu'Appelle, May 11th, with the intention of holding a meeting on that date, but owing to the death of W.·. Bro. Hugh Noble, to whom my letter was addressed, it did not reach the hands of the secretary until too late to call a meeting for the date named. I would here call the attention of secretaries of Lodges to the necessity of sending to the D. D. G. M. notices of all meetings, as by this means alone, are we able to form an opinion of the work being done, and the Lodges being situated at a distance from each other, it is impossible to visit very often. Had such been done, in this case my letter would have been addressed to the Secretary or to W.·. Bro. Wm. Sutherland, and a meeting would have been held. The Lodge I found to be in good working order, careful of its funds, but not close where relief is required, they having expended the sum of $42.85 from the relief fund. They have all the books required by the constitution, which I examined and found well written up and in good order. I cannot report as to the work done, not having seen any degrees conferred, but from conversation with W.·. Bro. Wm. Sutherland and Bro. F. S. Proctor, have reason to believe that the work is done in a satisfactory manner. The hall is comfortably furnished, and I am sure that the brethren can enjoy themselves with work and debate at their meetings.

Wascana Lodge, No. 23.

Being a member of this Lodge and a regular attendant at its meetings, I did not think it necessary to pay an official visit. The Lodge has all the books and forms required by the constitution. The books I examined on the 16th and found them correctly kept. The lodge room, which is commodious, is well furnished and presents an attractive appearance. I regret having to report that the officers are not well up in their work, and can see no good reason for their lack of proficiency. They have lately made efforts to remedy this defect by frequently meeting together for practice, and if this course is continued, they will in a short time be able to perform their duties in a more creditable manner. A

large number of the members are in arrears for dues, and although vigorous efforts are being made to collect, a large amount, probably about $100.00, I fear will not be collected. If Masters of Lodges would see that sec. 170, page 45 of the constitution was more strictly enforced, this source of annoyance and trouble would, to a great extent, cease.

In conclusion, permit me to thank the brethren of this district for honoring me by election to this responsible position, and I hope that my successor in office may be able to report greater prosperity among the craft during his term of office.

I am of the opinion that it would be well if the Grand Lodge would hold its next annual communication at some central point in the N. W. Territories, thereby lessening the expenses of Lodges in sending representatives thereto ; and also, that the Grand Lodge should defray the expenses of one official visit of the D. D. G. M. to each Lodge, if necessary charging the same to the constituent lodges. I am of opinion that were this course taken, better reports would be received from these officers.

Fraternally submitted,

E. G. WEEKS,

D. D. G. M., No. 9 or Assiniboia District.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William F. Ellis (30), the Reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report, as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date, showing :

Balance on hand January 15th, 1891	$1,304 06
Received from Grand Secretary	2,529 73
Total	$3,833 79
Warrants paid, Nos. 399 to 421, and 423 to 447, inclusive	2,567 72
Balance on hand at this date	$1,266 07

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July 31,	" " " "	392 60
Sept 30,	" " " "	324 80
Oct. 26,	" interest to 31st Oct.	21 48
Dec. 31,	" W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	105 00
1892.		
Feby. 1,	" Commercial Bank Deposit	945 00
" 26,	" " " "	418 00
	" " " "	207 80
	Total	$3,833 79

CREDITS.

		Warrant No.	
1891.			
Feb'y 23	W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y	399	$150 00
April 16	" " "	400	6 00
"	Secretary Cascade Lodge	401	10 00
"	D. R. Dingwall	402	100 00
"	Thos. W. Taylor	403	105 00
"	Ferguson & Co	404	9 55
"	McIntyre Bros	405	20 75
"	R. D. Richardson	406	16 50
"	Wm. Braden, Sec'y St. John's Lodge	407	4 20
"	Commercial Bank	408	118 58
April 16	Robinson Co	409	$17 50
"	McIntyre Bros	410	6 50
"	Jas. E. Steen	411	36 25
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	412	23 50
May 20	" " "	413	150 00
June 19	" " Librarian	414	2 66

June	19	G. W. Girdlestone	415	7 70
"		Chas. N. Bell	416	14 42
"		Thos. W. Taylor	417	49 75
"		John McBride	418	15 00
"		William Hall	419	5 00
"		Richard Nicholson	420	10 00
"		Winnipeg Gen'l Hospital	421	100 00
Aug.	28	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	423	150 00
"		Ferguson & Co	424	3 00
"		Robert I. Boyd	425	4 00
"		Scott & Leslie	426	6 00
"		Commercial Union Ass. Co	427	6 00
"		London Guarantee Accident Co	428	9 00
"		Wm. Greig	429	10 00
"		The Copp, Clark Co	430	10 25
"		W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y	431	24 15
"		Western Canada Loan Co	432	50 00
"		W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y	433	52 80
"		Jas. E. Steen	434	59 35
"		McIntyre Bros	435	280 95
"		W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y	436	150 00
1892.				
Jan'y	15	Copp, Clarke & Co	437	4 00
"		Ferguson & Co	438	5 00
"		McIntyre Bros	439	8 50
"		W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y	440	9 17
"		Robt. I. Boyd	441	23 50
"		Jas. E. Steen	442	25 75
"		Bell & Clark	443	32 50
"		W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y	444	32 62
"		Western Canada Loan Co	445	50 00
"		Robt. I. Boyd	446	153 70
"		Jas. E. Steen	447	428 62
		Total		$2,567 72

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

April 16,	To Cash received	$118 58
Dec. 31,	" Interest	1 97
		$120 55
June 19,	Warrant No. (422) Thos. McPherson	$ 50 00
	Balance on hand	70 55
		$120 55

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. J. J. Erskine (2), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

It becomes my duty in accordance with our Constitution to submit a detailed general and financial report of the transactions of my office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS OF 1891.

The proceedings of our last Annual Communication, Part II, Vol. III, were printed and the usual number of copies distributed.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Soon after the close of our last Annual Communication, the Lodges to which charters were granted by Grand Lodge were duly constituted by brethren specially appointed for that purpose, as follows :—

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek, Alberta, constituted and the officers installed, July 17th, 1891, by R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell.

Wapananung Lodge, No. 45, Broadview, Assiniboia, constituted and the officers installed August 6th, 1891, by V.·. W.·. Bro. Edward G. Weeks, D. D. G. M.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, Whitewood, Assiniboia, constituted and the officers installed July 23, 1891, by V.·. W.·. Bro. Edward G. Weeks, D. D. G. M.

Glenboro Lodge, No. 48, Glenboro, Manitoba, constituted and the officers installed July 9, 1891, by V.·. W.·. Bro. John Highman, D. D. G. M.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, McGregor, Manitoba, constituted and the officers installed June 24, 1891, by V.·. W.·. Bro. George Davison, D. D. G. M.

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Lodges, U.D., adopted by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, the dispensations of the following new lodges were continued, viz : Treherne Lodge, Treherne, Manitoba ; Killarney Lodge, Killarney, Manitoba.

NEW LODGE.

On August 12, 1891, a dispensation was issued from this office by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master for the formation of Hartney Lodge at Hartney, Manitoba, with eight charter members. The following are the principal officers named therein .—

Bro. Wm. M. Osborne, W. M. ; Bro. Vestus E. Casselman, S. W. ; Bro. Richard Jackson, J. W.

This Lodge was instituted Sept. 22, 1891, by V.·. W.·. Bro. James C. Stoyte, D. D. G. M.

The petition for charters, books of record, etc., from the lodges working under dispensation have been received and transmitted to the Committee on Lodges, U. D.

Extinct Lodges.

Soon after the close of our Annual Communication, I notified the W.·. M.·. and Secretary of Pembina Lodge, No. 20, of the action of the Grand Lodge in declaring the charter forfeited, and requested that the records, jewels, furniture, etc., be forwarded to this office as required by Section 303 of our Constitution. The Secretary subsequently forwarded the books of record, but the furniture and other assets have not been received.

I have also to report that the charter and books of record of Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge, No. 18, are not yet in my possession, nor have I been able to obtain any information regarding them. I have written the late officers in reference to the matter, but no replies have been received.

Representatives.

Near other Grand Lodges.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication, commissions have been issued from this office by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, as follows :—

Colorado.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Jethro C. Sanford, Durango, Sept. 10, 1891, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. John Widderfield.

New Brunswick.—W.·. Bro. Donald Munro, Woodstock, April 20, 1892, vice W.·. Bro. W. F. Diblee, resigned.

South Australia.—W.·. Bro. James Magor Symons, Adelaide, January 7, 1892.

Texas.—W.·. Bro. E. J. Simpkins, Corsicana, September 16th, 1891.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of my last report, a commission has been received, dated August 21, 1891, from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, appointing R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe as representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Lawrence Bedson.

Returns of Lodges.

I am pleased to again report that all the lodges have sent in the half yearly returns, and that all fees and dues have been paid. Three Lodges, I regret to say, did not forward the returns and payments until long after

the date fixed by our laws. I forbear, however, naming the delinquents in the hope that there will be no neglect in future.

Historical Record.

During the past year a Historical Record has been obtained, in which is being entered the following information regarding each of the constituent lodges:

1. Date of dispensation.
2. Names of Grand Master and Grand Secretary signing dispensation.
3. Date when instituted.
4. Date of Charter.
5. Names of Grand Officers signing Charter.
6. Officers named in Charter.
7. Date when constituted.
8. Names of charter members.

I am pleased to report that a majority of the Lodges have, as far as possible, complied with my request for the information necessary to complete the record. and I feel sure the remaining ones will do so ere our Grand Lodge meets again.

Membership Index.

The membership index is now completed and contains the names of all brethren who have at any time been members of lodges in this jurisdiction. The book will be found useful as a means of ascertaining at a glance the standing of any Mason in the jurisdiction.

Portraits of Past Grand Masters.

I would suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of obtaining at an early date the portraits of our first two Past Grand Masters, M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. William C. Clark and William N. Kennedy, both deceased. These brethren took an active part in the organization of our Grand Lodge, and all those now surviving who took part in that event, can well testify to their activity in Masonic work, and their enthusiasm in all Masonic labor and deeds.

History of Freemasonry in Manitoba.

With the view of procuring all the facts possible relating to the early history of Freemasonry in Manitoba, I have recently opened correspondence with the surviving members of the first lodge established in the Canadian Northwest, by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Seven brethren still survive who were at one time members of that lodge, and I feel assured that these brethren could instruct, surprise and delight the "modern Masons," by relating incidents connected with its history. I hope to be in a position to report considerable progress in this direction at our next Annual Communication. In this connection I desire to thank R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying me with all extracts from his records relating to old Northern Light Lodge.

As the old minute books of our constituent lodges are fast being lost or destroyed, I would suggest that each lodge be requested to select a brother to prepare a history of its organization and permanent doings, and forward a copy to this office.

Financial.

The financial condition of our Grand Lodge differs very little from that of 1891. When the books were closed in January there was a cash balance on hand of $1,266.07. Since that date warrants have been issued for $651.93, leaving a balance at the opening of Grand Lodge of $614.14.

The usual statements of receipts and expenditures have been printed and copies sent to each member of the Grand Lodge. The books and accounts of the office have been audited by brethren specially appointed for that purpose.

State of the Craft.

The average prosperity among the Lodges has been maintained during the past year. Eight of the Lodges show a decrease in membership, two retain the same membership as last year, while others show a marked increase, which with the additions of the new Lodges, swells the net increase to 140, as shown by the following statistical tables :

No. of members December 27th, 1890			1852
Initiated		213	
Passed	188		
Raised	174		
Joined		100	
Restored		10	323
			2175
Dimitted		123	
Suspended U. M. C		4	
Suspended N. P. D		34	
Died		22	
Rejected	23		183
No. of members December 17th, 1891			1992
Increase			140

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT.

Grand Secretary.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from January 16th, 1891, to January 15th, 1892.

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$121 70	33.	Indian Head	$30 00
2.	Lisgar	61 25	34.	Qu'Appelle	23 00
3.	Ancient Landmark	210 85	35.	Moosomin	32 95
4.	St. John's	104 00	36.	Doric	64 45
6.	Emerson	45 70	37.	Alberta	43 50
7.	Assiniboine	83 25	38.	Battle	57 90
8.	King Solomon	43 30	39.	Birtle	27 75
9.	Oakland	25 25	40.	Deloraine	25 25
10.	Northern Light	60 45	41.	North Star	31 55
11.	Gladstone	20 20	42.	Cascade	46 00
12.	Stonewall	35 45	43.	Lebanon	40 80
13.	Belmont	83 25	44.	Oak Lake	43 25
14.	Prince of Wales	37 00	45.	Spitzie	55 50
15.	Corinthian	30 50	46.	Wa-pan-an-ung	72 10
16.	Kinistino	38 25	47.	Ashlar	54 00
19.	Brandon	79 50	48.	Glenboro	105 65
23.	Wascana	89 75	49.	Temple	58 00
24.	Neepawa	17 50	U.D.	Killarney	47 20
25.	Ionic	88 30	U.D.	Treherne	65 80
26.	Moose Jaw	63 75	U.D.	Hartney	29 00
27.	Glenwood	36 25		Constitutions	9 45
28.	Bow River	48 00		Healing fees	10 00
29.	Carberry	12 00		Library	4 20
30.	Manitou	26 50			
31.	Medicine Hat	46 50			$2,508 25
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	22 50			

Abstract of Receipts.

Initiations	$426 00	Blank Books and forms	$196 75
Dues	935 75	Dispensations	138 00
Certificates	350 00	Healing fees	10 00
Past Master's Certificates	19 00	Charters	210 00
Life Membership Certificates	7 50	Library	6 60
Life Membership fees	55 00		
Constitutions	153 65		$2,508 25

Cash Statement.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer from January 16th, 1891, to January 15th, 1892.

DR.			CR.		
1892.			1891.		
January 15.	To Receipts....	$2,508 25	May 31.	By Grand Treasurer	$47 75
			June 23.	do do	67 30
			July 31.	do do	392 60
			Sept. 30.	do do	324 80
			Dec. 31.	do do	105 00
			1892.		
			Jan'y 15.	do do	1,570 80
		$2,508 25			$2,508 25

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Detailed Statement of Disbursements

FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15TH, 1892.

399. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary 3 months ending January 15th, 1891. ..... $150 00
400. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Certificates overpaid for Lodges.. 6 00
401. Cascade Lodge, No. 42, refund of dispensation fee 10 00
402. D. R. Dingwall, testimonial to Alfred Pearson 100 00
403. Thomas W. Taylor, blank books 105 00
404. Ferguson & Co., books, stationery, &c. 9 55
405. McIntyre Bros., stationery..... ..... 20 75
406. R. D. Richardson, 1 set books for Grand Secretary's Office..... 16 50
407. St. John's Lodge No. 4, 12 copies of Constitution 4 20
408. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, grant to benevolent fund ... 118 58
409. Robinson & Co., curtains for Grand Secretary's Office 17 50
410. McIntyre Bros., 500 post cards printed 6 50
411. James E. Steen, printing, &c., ... 36 25
412. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, &c..... ..... 23 50
413. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary 3 months ending May 15th, 1891..... 150 00
414. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, books for library 2 66
415. G. W. Girdlestone, insurance on books in library 7 70
416. Chas. N. Bell, books for library 14 42
417. Thomas W. Taylor, blank books 49 75
418. John McBride, Grand Tyler, services, Session 1891..... 15 00
419. William Hall, attendance at Elevator, Session 1891..... 5 00

420. Richard Nicholson, assisting Grand Tyler, Session 1891 ..... 10 00
421. Winnipeg General Hospital, special grant..... 100 00
423. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary 3 months ending August 15th, 1891..... 150 00
424. Ferguson & Co., stationery, &c., ... 3 00
425. Robert I. Boyd, postal tubes..... 4 00
426. Scott & Leslie, table for Library..... 6 00
427. Commercial Union Assurance Co., Premium Grand Master's Regalia..... 6 00
428. London Guarantee & Accident Co., Premium Grand Secretary's Bond 9 00
429. Wm. Greig, engrossing charters 10 00
430. The Copp, Clark Co., rent of charter plate, &c..... 10 25
431. Wm. G. Scott, G. S., refund of payments for refreshments, Session 1891 ..... 24 15
432. Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., 6 months rent of Grand Secretary's Office..... 50 00
433. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, telegrams, &c. 52 80
434. James E. Steen, printing, &c. 59 35
435. McIntyre Bros., printing 1891 proceedings..... 280 95
436. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary 3 months ending November 15th, 1891..... 150 00
437. The Copp, Clark Co., insurance, &c..... 4 00
438. Ferguson & Co., stationery, &c..... 5 00
439. McIntyre Bros., stationery..... 8 50
440. General Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada, 1 year's subscription 9 17
441. R. I. Boyd, registers for Grand Secretary's Office 23 50
442. James E. Steen, printing, &c 25 75
443. Bell & Clark, 5 lodge seals 32 50
444. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, postage, &c. 32 62
445. Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., 6 months' rent Grand Secretary's Office..... 50 00
446. R. I. Boyd, blank books..... 153 70
447. James E. Steen, printing Constitutions 428 62

$2,567 72

Inventory of Stock.

JANUARY 15TH, 1892.

ASSETS.

Blank Books and Forms	$314 62	
1094 Constitutions, at 29c	317 26	
85 Grand Lodge Certificates, at 30c	25 50	
86 Past Masters' Certificates, at 32c	27 52	
65 Life Members' Certificates, at 40c	26 00	
9 Charters, at $2.00	18 00	
Fixtures	688 48	
Library Fixtures	135 47	
Books in Library	586 63	
Regalia	158 65	
Killarney Lodge, U.D.	20 00	
Hartney Lodge, U.D	20 00	
		$2,338 13
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, cash on hand		1,266 07
John McKechnie, Grand Treas. Benevolent Fund, cash on h'd		70 55
		$3,674 75

LIABILITIES.

Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	$100 00	
Benevolent Fund	103 20	
Freemasons' Hospital at Morden	200 00	
		$403 20
Assets in excess of Liabilities		$3,271 55

On motion of motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·.W.·.Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Yearly Statement.

JANUARY 15TH, 1892.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$128 00
Charters	97 50
Constitutions	41 44
Certificates	299 92
Dues	935 75
Initiations	426 00
Life Members' Fees	55 00
Life Members' Certificates	3 50
Past Masters' Certificates	15 16
Blank Books and Forms	73 54
Healing Fees	10 00
Interest	27 98

LOSSES.

Expense	$ 65 22	
Printing	339 05	
ooks & Stationery	90 70	
Fixtures	36 23	
Postage	75 43	
Rent	95 84	
Telegraphing	17 34	
Salaries	600 00	
Regalia	8 35	
Library Fixtures	7 13	
nsurance	21 95	
Special Grants	430 00	
Benevolent Fund	32 65	
Net Gain, January 15th, 1892	293 90	
	$2,113 79	$2,113 79

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my sixth Annual Report as your Librarian.

I regret to report a largely diminished attendance at the library during the past year, which may be attributed to the action of Grand Lodge in enacting that "the whole of the appropriation shall be devoted to the purchase of works of a Masonic character." To this action may also be attributed the falling off in the number of donations which in past years has resulted in so many valuable additions to our Library.

Your Librarian is under obligations for the following special donations, viz:

From R.·. W.·. Bro. E. M. L. Elhers, Grand Secretary, for Volume II of the History of Freemasonry in New York, 614 pages, bound.

W.·. Bro. John Chambers, copy of first edition of Masonic Jurisprudence, by M.·. W.·. Bro. Henry Robertson.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for 1891.

From R. W. Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1891.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. L. L. Munn, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1891.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1891.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas J. Wilder, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota for 1891.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1892.

From V.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, Proceedings of the Supreme Council, 33, for the Dominion of Canada.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Illinois for 1891.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Omaha, Nebraska, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Nebraska for 1891.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Chas. C. Kiefer, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Ohio, Proceedings of that Grand Body for 1891.

From V.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Ruhland, Halifax, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for 1870-71-72-73-74 and 1881. Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia for 1872-73-74-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-86-87-88-89-90 and 91.

From M.·. W.·. Bro. Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, Barrie, Ont. Proceedings of the Great Priory, K. T. of Canada, for 1872-73-74-75-76-77-79-80-81-82-83-85-86-87-88-89-90 and 91.

From M.·. W.·. Bro. J. H. Graham, Richmond, Quebec, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec for 1874 to complete files.

From R.·. W.·. Bro.·. T. Nisbet Robertson, St. John, N. B., a copy of the By-laws of the Encampment of St. John Order of the Temple on the Registry of the Chapter General of Scotland.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary and Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, three views in the Library of that Grand Lodge.

From Bro. E. L. Stewart Patterson, Granby, Quebec, photograph of a "Moorish Masonic Lodge," representing the early members of Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge, No. 18.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Winnipeg, photograph, large size, handsomely framed, of the late Bro. John Norquay.

From V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at the Grand Lodge of England, photograph of himself.

These views and photographs have been framed and placed in our Library.

I have received—June 2, 1892—the following books, ordered by the Special Committee appointed at our last Annual Communication, viz :

"Origin of the English Rite of Masonry," by Bro. William James Hughan.
"Hughan's Masonic Register."
"Discrepancies of Freemasonry," by Rev. G. Oliver, D.D.
"Illustrations of Masonry," by Wm. Preston.
" " " "
"History of Freemasonry," by Lem Hyneman.
"Proofs of a Conspiracy," &c., by John Robinson.
"Signs and Symbols," by Rev. Geo. Oliver, D. D.
"Freemason's Pocket Companion."
"Mysteries of Freemasonry," by John Fellows.
" " " "
"Ritual of Masonry."

"The History and Articles of Masonry," by M. Cooke.
"The Masonic Vocal Manual."
"The Star in the East," by Geo. Oliver, D.D.
"The Symbol of Glory," by Geo. Oliver, D.D.
"History of Freemasonry," by A. Lawrie.
"Book of the Lodge," by Geo. Oliver, D.D.

The following named Grand Lodge Proceedings, now rare, have been acquired by purchase in St. Paul, Minn. :

British Columbia, 1871 and 1875.
Nova Scotia, 1870-71-72-73 and 74, bound in half leather.
Quebec, 1871 and 72.

Efforts have been made during the past year to procure missing numbers of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges with very good success. The appropriation of $50, voted by grand Lodge in 1891, has been used for binding Proceedings and the Masonic Periodicals regularly received at the Reading Room.

The following is the list of 50 volumes as bound and placed in the Library :

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

Arizona, 1882 to 1889	1	vol.
Canada, 1875-76, 1885-86-87-88-89-90	3	"
Dakota, 1886-87-88-89	1	"
Iowa, 1890 and 91	1	"
Kentucky, 1877-78	1	"
Manitoba, 1884-85-86-87-88-89	1	"
New Brunswick, 1877 to 1889, inclusive	1	"
New Hampshire, 1858 to 1866, inclusive	1	"
New Jersey, 1875 to 1882, "	3	"
Nevada, 1875 to 1890. "	3	"
Nova Scotia, 1875 to 1889, "	3	"
Oregon, 1877 to 1889, "	4	"
Prince Edward Island, 1875 to 1890 "	1	"
Quebec, 1870 to 1890, "	3	"
Wisconsin, 1881 to 1890, "	2	"

PERIODICALS.

"Canadian Craftsman"....Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 25.
"Trestle Board"..... Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
"Voice of Masonry".....Volumes 24, 26, 27 and 28.

Before closing my report on the Library I would ask that a further sum of $50 be appropriated for binding periodicals, Grand Lodge Proceedings, and the Reprints and Proceedings of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, E. R.

READING ROOM.

I would again thank the publishers of the following papers and periodicals for supplying their respective publications free of charge to the Reading Room :

"The Manitoba Daily Free Press."
"The Winnipeg Daily Tribune."
"The Ottawa Daily Citizen."
"The Montreal Daily Herald."
"The Evening Telegram," Toronto.
"The Qu'Appelle Progress," Weekly.
"The Liberal," Portage la Prairie.
"The Commercial," Winnipeg, Weekly.
"The Calgary Weekly Herald."
"The Calgary Tribune," Weekly.
"The Weekly Tribune," Portage la Prairie.
"The Selkirk Herald," Weekly.
"The Weekly Record," Rat Portage.
"The Perth (Ontario) Courier," Weekly.
"Waghorn's Guide."
"The Colonist," Winnipeg, Weekly.
"The North-West Farmer," Winnipeg.
"The Western World," Winnipeg.

Masonic Publications—

"The Voice of Masonry," Chicago.
"The Canadian Craftsman."
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
"The Master Mason," Minneapolis, Minn.
"The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"The Masonic Chronicle," New York.
"The Rough Ashlar," Richmond, Va.
"Freemason's Journal," New York.
"Masonic Token," Portland, Me.
"The South Australian Freemason."
"The Australian Keystone."
"The Freemason," Sydney, N.S.W.
"Iowa Masonry," Cedar Rapids, Ia.
"Royal Craftsman," Plainfield, N.J.
"Herald of Masonry," Kansas City, Mo.
"The American Mason," Chicago.

I have received from Bro. E. W. Rugg, publisher of the "Manitoba Masonic Directory, the sum of $38 being 10 per cent. of the gross receipts derived from the publication of that valuable compendium of Masonic information. I would recommend that Bro. Rugg's generosity in this matter be acknowledged by appropriate resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), the report of the Grand Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows :

The Board organized on the 10th June, 1891, and elected W.·. Bro. J. H.D. Munson as President and W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell as Vice-President, with the constitutional committees as published in the volume of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

At a meeting held 28th Aug., 1891, the following resolution was adopted : "That this Board authorizes the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M., to issue a certificate under the seal of said Grand Lodge, certifying that Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, meeting at Minnedosa, Manitoba, is in good and regular standing in the order, said Lodge having by resolution decided to become incorporated under the Act passed by the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, known as 47 Victoria, Cap. 61, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

On January 20th, 1892, V.·. W.·. Bro. D. Hope was appointed auditor. On the above date the appeal of Bro. Allan Tompkins against the sentence of expulsion by St. John's Lodge was considered, and it was resolved, "That this Board recommends that the appeal of Bro. Tompkins be dismissed, and that the action of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, in recording the sentence of expulsion be affirmed."

On May 25th, 1892, the tender of McIntyre Bros. for printing the proceedings of the present Communication of Grand Lodge, at the rate per page of $1.85 for one thousand copies, was accepted.

The Board recommends to Grand Lodge the consideration of the question of purchasing a set of Grand Lodge clothing and jewels.

The Board recommends to Grand Lodge for consideration, the following resolutions passed by the Board after receiving the report of a special committee appointed to consider the matter of special grants from Grand Lodge funds for charitable purposes :—

"That in the opinion of the Board, no further charitable grants should, for a time, be made to hospitals, but after the books are closed for each year, that all funds in excess of $500, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be invested in

approved debentures or other convertable securities, under the direction of the Board of General Purposes for the carrying on of works consistent with the objects of Masonry."

We recommend that the sum of $150 be voted by Grand Lodge to assist in defraying the travelling expenses of the Grand Master during the past year.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this Session of the Grand Lodge, viz :

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Walter Harris,
" " Jno. McKechnie,
" " A. H. Van Etten,
" " D. J. Goggin,

V.·. W.·. Bro. D.·. Hope,
" " D. H. McMillan,
" " J. J. White,
" " Jos. Cornell.

Following is the attendance of members of the Board of General Purposes during the past year there having been seven meetings held :

V.·. W.·. Bro.	Charles N. Bell	7	R.·. W.·. Bro.	J. McKechnie	4
R.·. " "	W. G. Scott	7	" " "	J. Leslie	3
" " "	J. A. Payne	6	V.·. " "	D. Hope	3
" " "	D. J. Goggin	6	" " "	J. J. White	2
" " "	R. W. Woodroofe	6	R.·. " "	J. W. H. Wilson	1
" " "	W. C. Copeland	5	M.·. " "	A. Pearson	1
" " "	A. H. Van Etten	5	" "	D. H. McMillan	1
V.·. " "	T. Robinson	5	R.·. " "	J. W. Harris	1
" "	J. H. Munson	4	" " "	W. J. Ptolemy	1
M.·. " "	W. G. Bell	4	M.·. " "	J. A. Ovas	1

The following members did not attend any meetings of the Board during the past year : M.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. Black, M.·. W.·. Bro. G. F. Newcombe, M.·. W.·. Bro. S. P. Matheson, M.·. W.·. Bro. J. H. Bell, M.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. Clarke, M.·. W.·. Bro. J. D. O'Meara, W. Bro. Jos. Cornell.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. N. BELL,
Vice-President.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had under consideration the following matters referred to it and respectfully recommend thereon as follows :—

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 4.
vs.
ALLAN TOMPKINS. } *Expelled—appeal.*

The information charges the defendant with adultery.

The defendant pleaded "not guilty."

The record in this case shows upon its face that all the preliminary proceedings necessary for a trial had been observed, the defendant personally served with the charges and notice of trial. The Lodge acquired complete jurisdiction over the defendant, the evidence properly taken and trial regularly held.

By a more than two-thirds vote, the defendant was found guilty, and by a majority vote sentenced to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

From this conviction the defendant appeals.

The evidence is such that your Committee is forced to the conclusion that the action of the trial Lodge is right and ask that the same be affirmed.

HENRY HARDY,
vs.
BATTLE LODGE, No. 38. } *Appeal.*

This was a complaint against certain rulings of the Worshipful Master of Battle Lodge, No. 38, in the trial of a certain charge preferred by that Lodge against the complainant, Bro. Henry Hardy. The charge was withdrawn and thereafter Bro. Henry Hardy withdrew his complaint.

A fresh charge was instituted by the Lodge, and then Bro. Henry Hardy ordered that his complaint be proceeded with. Your Committee is of the opinion that the complaint of Bro. Henry Hardy, lapsed through the withdrawal of the original charge and his own withdrawal, and that he must make a fresh complaint if he desires a connection with the second charge and trial thereon, and we recommend the same accordingly.

HENRY HARDY, *vs.* P. J. WILLIAMS. } *Complaint.*

Bro. Henry Hardy charges Bro. P. J. Williams with the unmasonic conduct of intemperance. The charge is dated the 19th day of February, 1891. Bro. P. J. Williams was then Master of Battle Lodge. Through inadvertence the charge has been overlooked. As the charge is one reflecting on the conduct of the then Master of the Lodge, and does not relate to a violation of, or any official misconduct or official obligation. Your Committee recommend that Bro. Henry Hardy be instructed to prefer his charge before the District Deputy Grand Master for investigation, as it would be impossible at this distance from Battleford to command the attendance of witnesses. The District Deputy being on the spot could hold an investigation at the Lodge and take and hear the evidence of all parties.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT *vs.* HENRY HARDY. } *Suspension—no appeal.*

The District Deputy Grand Master summoned Bro. Henry Hardy to produce his certificate and dimit from former Lodge. Bro. Henry Hardy took no notice of the summons, and after being twice requested to produce his certificate, was in further default, suspended by the District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Henry Hardy claims that this action is null and void.

Clause 56, page 17 of the Constitution, empowers the District Deputy Grand Master to summon any brother to produce his certificate. In case of contumacy he may suspend the brother in default, until the will of the Grand Master is made known. The District Deputy Grand Master has notified the Grand Master of his action. It appears that the District Deputy Grand Master acted in accordance with the powers conferred by the constitution, and your Committee recommend that his action be confirmed, permission being given to Bro. Henry Hardy to appeal against the action of the District Deputy Grand Master.

CASCADE LODGE, No. 42, *vs.* H. H. BROWN. } *Expulsion—no appeal.*

The information charges the defendant :

(1) With intemperance.

(2) Communicating Masonic secrets.

Defendant denies the charges.

The record in this case shows upon its face that all the preliminary proceedings necessary for a trial had been observed, the defendant personally served with the charges and notice of trial. The Lodge acquired complete jurisdiction over the defendant, the evidence properly taken and trial regularly held.

By a more than two-thirds vote the defendant was found guilty and by a majority vote, sentenced to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The defendant has not appealed. There is no evidence with the transcript of the proceedings that the defendant has been served with notice of the sentence as required by section 157 of the Constitution.

Your Committee therefore advise that the case be continued until next year and lay in abeyance until evidence has been furnished that clause 157 has been complied with.

The Secretary of the Lodge has been notified of the irregularity.

W. R. HERRON
vs.
GEO. E. APPLEGARTH and P. J. WILLIAMS. } *Complaint.*

These charges are for Masonic irregularities in the conduct of the work of the Lodge, and have been inadvertently overlooked.

Your Committee recommends that Bro. W. R. Herron be requested to prefer his charge again if he still is of the same opinion.

Bro. Geo. E. Applegarth, at the date of the above charge, was Master of the Lodge, and the irregularities relate to official misconduct. The complaint should be preferred to Grand Lodge, but in the case of Bro. P. J. Williams, he was Junior Warden of the Lodge at the time, and the appeal should be made to the Lodge.

WAPANANUNG LODGE, NO. 46,
vs.
HAROLD C. DODD. } *Suspension—appeal.*

The information shows that Bro. H. C. Dodd is charged with intoxication.

The defendant appeals. A proper transcript of the proceedings has not been filed, nor has defendant given notice of his intention to appeal as required by clause 157 of the Constitution. Defendant's attention has been called to this irregularity.

Your Committee therefore advise that the case be continued until next year, and lay in abeyance until evidence has been furnished, that clause 157 has been complied with.

ASSINIBOINE LODGE, NO. 7,
vs.
A. A. WATSON. } *Expulsion—no appeal.*

The information charges the defendant with embezzlement.

There is no defence filed by the defendant.

The record in this case shows upon its face that all the preliminary proceedings necessary for a trial had been observed, the defendant personally served with

the charges and notice of trial. The Lodge acquired jurisdiction over the defendant, the evidence properly taken and trial regularly held.

By a more than two-thirds vote, the defendant was found guilty, and by a majority vote, sentenced to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

There is no appeal. Your Committee recommends that the action of the trial Lodge be affirmed.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Your Committee has considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution and find nothing at variance with Masonic law or usage therein.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,

Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the report of the Committtee on Jurisprudence was received and (subsequently) adopted.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to which was referred the case of Worshipful Bro. Hyman Miller, of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, beg to submit the following preamble and resolution for adoption by this Grand Lodge :

WHEREAS Ionic Lodge, No. 25, of this Grand Lodge received a Charter dated the 14th February, 1884, numbered 25,

AND WHEREAS in the application for the said Charter the name of Brother Hyman Miller, of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, Merchant, was inadvertently omitted and the mistake of the said omission was also continued in the Charter granted by this Grand Lodge,

AND WHEREAS the said Brother Hyman Miller was duly entered on the Register of the said Lodge, and was recognized as a member of the said Lodge, and has paid dues on account of his membership to the said Lodge from the date of its organization, and is now a duly returned member in good standing on the books of the said Lodge,

AND WHEREAS the said Brother Hyman Miller was elected to various offices in the said Lodge, including the office of Worshipful Master, and in such last office, and also as a Past Master of the said Lodge has conferred from time to time various degrees,

AND WHEREAS the said Lodge has applied to have the error made in respect of the omission of the name of the said Brother Hyman Miller from the Charter of the Lodge rectified and corrected and his election to the various offices ratified and confirmed and all degrees conferred, acts and things done by him rendered legal and valid.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the said Brother Hyman Miller is hereby declared to be and shall always have been taken to be a member of the said Ionic Lodge, No. 25, from the said date of its organization, and also that the election to any office by the said Lodge of the said Brother Hyman Miller is hereby ratified and confirmed and all degrees conferred, acts and things done by the said Brother Hyman Miller while acting in the discharge of any duties incident to any office held by him, or occupied by him for the time being are hereby legalized and confirmed, and declared to be valid and binding, as if the said Brother Hyman Miller had been a Charter Member of the said Lodge from the said date of its organization and properly and legally elected for any offices held or occupied, and that this resolution be entered on the records of the Lodge. Also that the said Brother Hyman Miller, do forthwith sign the petition for dispensation of the said Lodge, and that the passage of this resolution shall be a sufficient authority to the Grand Secretary to permit the said petition to be signed by the said Worshipful Brother Hyman Miller, and that the Grand Secretary do enter the name of the said Worshipful Brother Hyman Miller on the Charter of said Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N.·. Bell (1). The Special Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M..

Your Committee on the State of Masonry having received the reports from the D.D.G.M's and the Grand Master's address, at a very late hour, have not had time to give them more than a casual examination and brief consideration, which is to be greatly regretted, as matters of importance to the welfare of the craft are usually embodied in these reports.

We have to report that the D.D.G.M's whose reports have come to hand, viz : Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9, appear to have faithfully performed their duties, and that the Lodges under their supervision are, with few exceptions, in a prosperous condition.

The statistical reports are in some cases entirely lacking and in others incomplete. Your Committee would urge upon the Lodges the necessity of more prompt and particular attention to this matter.

From the several reports, and more especially from the remarks of the Grand Master upon the subject, your Committee find that there is an urgent need of some system of instruction in the esoterical work, pertinent to more uniform and correct degree work. As it appears to be impossible at present for the Grand Lodge to undertake the expense of having a Grand Lecturer for this purpose, your Committee would heartily endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master, as a temporary expedient, "That a sum of money be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to be expended by him in paying the railroad expenses of well-skilled brethren to visit the out-lying Lodges." We are of the opinion that this is properly a matter for Grand Lodge action, and that the expense should not be thrown entirely upon the individual Lodges, that Lodges as well as their members should stand upon a level, and as far as possible enjoy the same facilities for Masonic instruction, and that the expenses thereof should be shared by Grand Lodge.

The D.D.G.M. of No. 2 District reports that he has held Lodges of Instruction on the occasion of his official visits, but as far as our information reaches no other Lodges of Instruction have been held in our Jurisdiction during the past Masonic year.

We heartily endorse the action of those Lodges which have devoted some attention to social entertainment at their meetings, and recommend the same course to all.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee to whom was referred the papers and documents emanating from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, beg to offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Annual Communication assembled recognizes the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That we tender to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand a hearty and fraternal greeting, and that fraternal relations and an exchange of Representatives be established between the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. SCOTT,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, from the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the Report of said Committee, as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Lodges, U. D., beg leave to report that they have examined the books and petitions for charters, as required by clauses 284, 285, 286 and 287 of the Constitution, of the following Lodges U. D., viz :

Treherne Lodge, U. D., Treherne, Manitoba.

Dispensation granted 2nd of April, 1891, and continued 12th of June, 1891 ; has held ten regular meetings and six emergent meetings ; initiated three ; passed two ; raised three ; affiliated one.

Returns show ten members at last report. Present membership nineteen. In the minutes of the emergent meetings there is no record that the rough minutes were read over prior to the close of the meeting. This should be done for emergent meetings as well as regular meetings.

At meetings held on the 19th day of June, 1891, 8th of September, 1891, and 6th of May, 1892, record is made that the dimits of affiliating brothers had been ordered to be cancelled. This is irregular, as dimits should be filed and not cancelled. They constitute the chief evidence of an affiliate being in good standing at the time he left his last Lodge.

The Lodge has the necessary books except a lodge register. The returns are correct. The minutes of the various meetings are neatly and carefully made out. The Lodge has no debt.

Killarney Lodge, U. D., Killarney, Manitoba.

Dispensation granted 26th March, 1891, continued 12th June, 1891. Has held twelve regular and five special meetings. Initiated five, passed five, raised two ; number of members at the last report, sixteen ; present membership twenty-one. Has no debt. Balance on hand $118.00. Has all the necessary books. The fee, with application for initiation, conflicts with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which requires half of the fee to accompany the petition.

An emergent meeting was held on the 4th of August, 1891, to complete the ceremony of initiation of Bro. J. A. Patterson. The ceremony of conferring a degree once begun outside the lecture and charge, cannot be postponed. The minutes of the Lodge do not show in some cases that the Lodge is regularly opened in the first, second and third degrees. This should always be done. At the meeting on the 14th of August, 1891, Bro. J. A. Patterson was examined as soon the Lodge was opened in the first degree. The Lodge should have been first regularly opened in the first, second and third degrees, minutes read, and then labor suspended in the third degree and resumed in the first before the brother could be examined.

A similar irregularity occurred at the meeting of the 6th of May, 1892. At the meeting of the 11th of September, 1891, there is no record that the Lodge was closed in the second degree for examination of Bro. Patterson, a candidate to be raised to the third degree. At the meeting of the 16th of October, 1891, the Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Then the ceremony of initiating Bro. Sharpe was proceeded with. Labor should have been suspended in short form from the third to the first degree, the ceremony of initiation performed and labor resumed in the third degree, and then the Lodge regularly closed down.

At an emergent meeting held on the 20th November, 1891, it appears that the Lodge was only opened up to the second degree. It should have been regularly opened in the first three degrees, and labor suspended in short form down to the second, the work performed in that degree, labor resumed in the third degree and the Lodge regularly closed in the third, second and first degrees. At the meeting of the 8th January, 1892, it is stated that the Senior Warden, in the absence of the Worshipful Master, took the chair. The Senior Warden has the right to rule the Lodge in the absence of the Worshipful Master, but must not take his chair. He should sit in a chair to the right of the W. M.

In some cases only two members are appointed as a committee on character —the constitution, clause 249, requires three.

At a meeting of the 6th of May, 1892, it would appear as if the examination and passing of Bros. Lawlor and Baldwin had all been done in the second degree without in the first instance having labor suspended in the third and resumed in the first degree for the examination of the candidates, then labor suspended in the first and resumed in the second degree for the conferring of the degree.

Notwithstanding the above irregularities, the minutes show a marked improvement in the working of the Lodge on the previous year.

Hartney Lodge, U. D., Hartney, Manitoba.

Dispensation granted 12th day of August, 1891. Has held four regular and two emergent meetings ; initiated five, passed three, raised three ; number of members at this report, fourteen. Has no debt. Balance on hand, $71.30. Has the necessary books except historical register. Returns correct.

There is no record that the rough minutes were read at the close of each meeting, nor that the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. This should always be done, especially the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting. On the presentation of candidates for initiation, no reference is made that the joining fee accompanied the same. This should always be shown. On the meetings of the 22nd December, 1891, 12th January, 1892, 16th February, 1892, 5th April, 1892, and 10th May, 1892, the minutes show that there were various degrees to be conferred, and that where there was a first or a second degree the Lodge was opened in the first instance in such degree, and the necessary examination of the candidate held. This is incorrect. The Lodge should, in the first instance, be regularly opened in the first, second and third degree, and labor in short form suspended in the third degree, and resumed in the degree in which the work is to be done. At several of the meetings it would appear that labor was suspended in the third degree and resumed in the first or second as the case might be, and after the candidate had received the degree, the Lodge was then closed down from the degree in which the work had been done. This is incorrect, as the Lodge should have suspended labor and resumed work again in the third degree and then closed regularly down. There is no resolution showing the initiation fee.

The attention of the secretaries of Lodges is again particularly drawn to page 129 of the Constitution, containing Instructions for Lodges under dispensation, and that the same should be carefully adhered to.

Your Committee recommend that charters be granted to the undermentioned Lodges, with number and location as follows: Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Treherne Lodge No. 51, and that the dispensation of Hartney Lodge be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,

Chairnan.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten (3), the report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity beg to report that there has been but one call for charity—that of North Star No. 41—and that it was received at so late a date that it was impossible to take action thereon. Your Committee accordingly submits it to the Grand Lodge for suitable action.

The amount at the credit of the Benevolent Fund is $70.55.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN LESLIE,

Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the report of the Committee on Benovelence and Charity was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, from the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address, presented the following report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the Address of the Grand Master would call the attention of the Brethren to the good work which the Grand Master has done by the numerous visits which he has paid to the different Lodges in the Jurisdiction. Out of a total number of 45, he visited 40, and has embodied in his address the impressions formed from his visits. We have no doubt that his visits have been productive of a great deal of good. The address shows that he has certainly spent a busy year in trying to increase the enthusiasm of the brethren for the welfare of Masonry.

Your Committee note with pleasure that the condition of Masonry in this large jurisdiction is rapidly improving. Your Committee approves of the decisions of the Grand Master. Your Committee approves of the suggestions made by the Grand Master relative to the appointment of representatives of this Grand Lodge, to attend the Masonic Congress to be held at Chicago next year, and recommends the Grand Lodge to take the matter into consideration at this meeting and not defer it to the next year. The appointment of representatives at this meeting, would give such representatives the opportunity of making themselves thoroughly acquainted in advance, with the subjects which may be brought up for consideration at such Congress, and also to prepare themselves to do credit to this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee also cordially approve of the Grand Master's recommendation for the appointment of a Masonic Lecturer, and that his travelling expenses should be defrayed by this Grand Lodge. The question of a Masonic Lecturer is not a new one. It has been postponed from time to time, owing to the expense connected with the same, but we think it would be advisable for the Grand Lodge to take the matter into further consideration, and test the feelings of the brethren on the subject.

Your Committee also recommends to the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge, that part of the Address dealing with the appointment of the representatives of this Grand Lodge. At the present time, we have no Report on Foreign Correspondence, chiefly owing to the expense connected with the preparation and printing thereof. It is felt that if Reports were obtained from the representatives of this Grand Lodge, such Reports could be printed, and help to take the place of a Report on Foreign Correspondence. The idea is a good one, and we recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee feel sure this Grand Lodge will appreciate the courtesy shown by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in changing the date of their Annual Meeting in order to facilitate an interchange of visits.

Your Committee recommends the Grand Lodge to pass resolutions granting the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master to those Brethren who have been recommended for that honor by the Grand Master in his Address.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. GOGGIN,
THOS. ROBINSON,
H. J. EBERTS.
} *ommitee.*

On Motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), the Report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, from the Special Committee on Audit, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Audit to whom was referred the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary beg to report upon the finances of the Grand Lodge for the year ending January 15th, 1892, as follows :

Cash on hand from previous year	$1,304 06
Receipts of the year as per Grand Secretary's Report	2,508 25
Interest allowed on deposits	21 48
	$3,833 79
Disbursements of the year as per Grand Secretary's Report	$2,567 72
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	$1,266 07

Your Committee has Audited the books and accounts of Grand Lodge, and find the same to be correct, and the statements accompanying the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to be in accordance therewith.

Fraternally submitted.

D. HOPE,
A. H. VAN ETTEN,
} *Committee.*

On Motion of W.·. Bro. John Chambers, (3), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Special Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, from the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee of the Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's Report beg to report as follows:—

1st. That the routine business of the Grand Secretary's office appears to have been carefully attended to.

2nd. The Grand Secretary reporting, that no returns have been made from the extinct Lodge "Pembina No. 20," of the furniture and assets other than the books of record, we would recommend that the D. D. G M. of District No. 4 be requested to immediately take steps to secure possession of the furniture and other assets not returned, and communicate such information as he can obtain on this subject to the Grand Secretary. We recommend that the Grand Secretary again endeavor to obtain possession of the charter and books of record of Al Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge, No. 18.

3rd. It is gratifying to learn that the Lodge returns are being sent in more promptly, and as the Grand Secretary's already arduous duties are increased by delays, we trust that the small number of dilatory secretaries will disappear before the next returns are due.

4th. The Historical Record in compilation by the Grand Secretary has been examined by your Committee, and certainly is worthy of the endorsation of Grand Lodge, providing as it does, most complete and valuable condensed information, which is frequently sought for. Lodges in their own interests should furnish the Grand Secretary with all the data requested.

5th. The membership index for this jurisdiction, now being completed, is in constant requisition and is all that the Grand Secretary claimed it would be. Lodges or individual members desiring information respecting the standing of any member in the jurisdiction, will save themselves much time and great trouble by consulting the index.

6th. Portraits of Past Grand Masters. We would recommend action on the suggestion of the Grand Secretary in a practical way, and as a beginning, that a sum of not exceeding fifty dollars be placed at the credit of the Grand Secretary for the purpose of having a good enlarged water color picture of the late Past Grand Master, Rev. Wm. C. Clark, made and properly framed, for Grand Lodge.

7th. History of Masonry in Manitoba. We recommend the endorsation by Grand Lodge of the action of the Grand Secretary in securing historical data re-

lating to the first Masonic Lodge established in what is now the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We venture to suggest that Grand Lodge recognize the Masonic enterprise and work of the members of the first Lodge by permitting any lodge of this jurisdiction to receive as honorary members any surviving members of said first Lodge, and place their names on their lodge rolls and return them to Grand Lodge without payment of the usual annual fee to Grand Lodge during their life-time.

We would also recommend the suggestion of the Grand Secretary that Lodges be requested to each have some capable member write out a concise loca history of their lodge and forward the same to the Grand Secretary's office to form part of the archives of Grand Lodge.

CHAS. N. BELL,
JOHN Mc KECHNIE, } *Committee.*

On Motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee to which was referred the Report of the Librarian, begs to report as follows: That the diminished attendance at the Library is due to the reasons given by the Librarian. It is evident that the majority of brethren prefer reading works of fiction, biography, travel, etc., to books more especially devoted to Masonic subjects, and Grand Lodge should at once decide if the Library is to be maintained as one devoted entirely to Masonic works, or to works of general literature.

Your Committee recommends that the thanks of Grand Lodge be conveyed to the publishers who have contributed copies of their respective publications.

Your Committee also recommends that the unexpended balance of last year's grant for Library purposes be used by the Committee to pay for works ordered but not received, and that $50 be placed at the disposal of the Librarian for binding Grand Lodge Proceedings and the periodicals regularly received at the Reading Room.

Your Committee is fully of the opinion that the Reading Room is a great boon to the members of the craft, more especially to those residing in Winnipeg, many of whom avail themselves of the opportunity afforded. Your Committee finds the books and periodicals in a good state, being well arranged and the records faithfully and properly kept. The success of the Library and Reading Room is very largely due to the care and attention of the Librarian and his assistant, W.·. Bro. John Chambers.

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. COPELAND,
H. J. EBERTS.
J. J. WHITE.
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10) the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE BOOKS FOR LIBRARY.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell from the Special Committee appointed to purchase books for Library, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee appointed at last Annual Meeting to purchase Masonic books for the Grand Lodge Library (with a grant of $100) beg to report :

That Masonic works, for the greater part, can be purchased in London, England, to better advantage than elsewhere.

That your Committee opened up correspondence with a reliable book house in London, and have already ordered a large number of works, some of which have been received. Among other valuable books ordered, are complete sets of Preston, Oliver, Hughan and A. G. Mackay. Your Committee find that it will take time and much care to secure the older and rarer works of early Masonic writers and that it is utterly impossible to have filled at once any general order for known works.

Your Committee having expended but fifty dollars out of the total grant respectfully request that a revote of the unexpended fifty dollars be made by the

Grand Lodge to pay for books ordered but not received on account of last year's grant.

On behalf of the Committee

CHAS. N. BELL,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), the Report of the Special Committee to purchase books for Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

The Grand Secretary read the Report of V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as follows :

To the M.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The close of the past and the beginning of the current Masonic year reminds me of my failure to m ke the report due from the Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Manitoba, at and near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and I trust that you will accept my fraternal apologies for this neglect.

The year A. L., 5891, has been one of great Masonic prosperity in this jurisdiction. New Lodges have been constituted under conditions big with promise of success in the work of the craft, and those heretofore in existence have made material increase in men and means.

Pennsylvania now numbers 401 Lodges and over 43,000 members.

Several new Masonic halls and temples of imposing construction have been completed and dedicated to the uses of Freemasonry.

With peace and contentment in the subordinate Lodges comes prosperity in the Grand Lodge.

The large debt incurred in the building of the magnificent Masonic Temple in Philadelphia—the only building in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic uses—is being rapidly reduced, thereby lightening the financial burdens of the craft. The Art Association, organized for the beautifying of this building, is successfully at work and in a few years works of art, rich in design and of much pecuniary value, gathered in lodge rooms properly frescoed and painted in symbolic designs and colors, will add to the pleasure incident to attendance at our Masonic meetings.

But beyond all these pleasant features of Masonic life stand the charities of the Grand Lodge—the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the Stephen Girard Bequest, and the Thomas R. Patton Charity Fund, all amply endowed for the relief of the indigent Mason, his widow and orphans.

Whilst the craft makes princely provisions for the comfort and pleasure of all its members, it is royal in its efforts to alleviate the distress and relieve the wants of those having claims upon it.

The Masonic Home, to which I have referred in previous reports, continues its good work. At this date it cares for thirty aged brethren, with accommodation for fifteen additional, and notwithstanding the growth of its work, or rather because of such growth, its estate is now valued at over $60,000.00, certainly satisfactory results for seven years labor.

With fraternal regards to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the brethren, whom I had the pleasure to meet in Winnipeg some years since, and in hope that the craft in Manitoba enjoys with us the blessings of peace and prosperity, I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully and fraternally,

LOUIS WAGNER,
Grand Representative.

On motion of W.·.Bro. John Chambers (3) seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Report of the Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris (4), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master, was conferred upon V.·. W.·. Bros. Charles Napier Bell, John Highman, George Davison, George Little Stone, James Charles Stoyte, Rev. Canon James Flett, Thomas Tweed and Edward George Weeks in accordance with the recommendation of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

PAYMENT OF INSTRUCTORS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), the following resolution was adopted :—

That in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the State of Masonry, a sum of one hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to be expended as necessary in defraying the travelling expenses of well skilled brethren appointed to visit Lodges for the purpose of instruction. The District Deputy Grand Master to suggest the name of a well skilled brother in the District for appointment as instructor.

MASONIC CLOTHING FOR GRAND OFFICERS.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Francis Wm. Green (1), that suitable Masonic clothing be procured for the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and thirty dollars.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, proposing the holding of a Fraternal Congress in the City of Chicago, Illinois, and suggesting the 8th day of August, 1893,as the time.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Francis G. Lewin (35), it was

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge now proceed to elect eight delegates to the Fraternal Congress to be held in Chicago on August 8th, 1893.

The election of delegates was then proceeded with, the following brethren being declared elected : M.·. W.·. Bros. William G. Bell (3), James A. Ovas (15), R.·. W.·. Bros. Charles N. Bell (1), David J. Goggin (10), Frederick L. Newman (7), Wm. G. Scott (1), V.·. W.·. Bros. John McDiarmid (19), and Thomas Robinson (10).

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Francis G. Lewin (35), the Grand Master was empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur before date of congress.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Arthur E. J. Durrant (7), seconded by W.·. Bro. Frank D. Stewart (9), the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Co., the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Co., and the Alberta Railway and Coal Co., for courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), seconded by W.·. Bro. Arthur E. J. Durrant (7), the following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the proprietors of the various hotels of the city of Winnipeg who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Communication.

NOTICES OF MONEY GRANTS.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution the following notices of motion were given to be introduced at the session of Grand Lodge to be held to-morrow :

By R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1)—

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 15
Assistant Grand Tyler	10
Printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1891-92	200
Grant in aid of Grand Lodge Library	150
Committee on Credentials and Reception—for refreshments	25

By W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13)—

That he will move that Grand Lodge grant a sum of money in aid of the Freemason's hospital at Morden.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 11.45 o'clock p.m., until Thursday at 10 o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, June 9th, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the Grand Master :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe, from the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan John Campbell, from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following resolutions to amend the Constitution were presented and disposed of as follows :

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1) :

Section 242 was amended by inserting after the word "paid" in the third line the following : "or remitted in whole or in part by the Board of General Purposes upon the recommendation of the Grand Master."

Section 257 was amended by the addition of the following : "or remitted in whole or in part as provided in Section 242."

Section 258 was amended by inserting after the word "paid" in the sixth line the following : "or remitted in whole or in part as provided in Section 242."

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 11.45 o'clock, noon, until 2 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 9, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892 at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, from the Committee appointed to arrange for the redistribution of Districts, presented the report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee appointed at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held June 11, 1890, and nominated by the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master "to arrange for the re-distribution of the Districts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba," beg to report as follows :

We would recommend that the Lodges be grouped into the following Districts :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

No.	1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
	2	Lisgar	Winnipeg.
	3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
	4	St. John's	Winnipeg
	6	Emerson	Emerson.
	8	King Solomon	Morris.
	10	Northern Light	Winnipeg.
	12	Stonewall	Stonewall.
	25	Ionic	Winnipeg.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

No.	7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
	11	Gladstone	Gladstone.
	14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa.
	15	Corinthian	Rapid City.
	24	Neepawa	Neepawa.

No. 39	Birtle	Birtle.
49	Temple	McGregor.

DISTRICT No. 3.

No. 9	Oakland	Carman.
19	Brandon	Brandon.
27	Glenwood	Souris.
29	Carberry	Carberry.
43	Lebanon	Virden.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro.
U. D.	Treherne	Treherne.
U. D.	Hartney	Hartney.

DISTRICT No. 4.

No. 13	Belmont	Morden.
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound.
30	Manitou	Manitou.
36	Doric	Boissevain.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine.
U. D.	Killarney	Killarney.

DISTRICT No. 5.

No. 16	Kinistino	Prince Albert.
23	Wascana	Regina.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Ft. Qu'Appelle.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin.
46	Wapananung	Broadview.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood.

DISTRICT No. 6.

No. 28	Bow River	Calgary.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
37	Alberta	Macleod.
41	North Star	Lethbridge.
42	Cascade	Anthracite.
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek.

RECAPITULATION.

No. 1	District	9
2	"	7
3	"	9

No. 4 District 6
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6 " 6

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), that the report of the Committee on Re-distribution of Districts be received and adopted.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), that the Districts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba consist of the following lodges :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

No. 1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
2	Lisgar	Winnipeg.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg.
6	Emerson	Emerson.
8	King Solomon	Morris.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall.
25	Ionic	Winnipeg.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

No. 7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie
11	Gladstone	Gladstone.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa.
49	Temple	McGregor.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

No. 9	Oakland	Carman.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro.
51	Treherne	Treherne.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

No. 13	Belmont	Morden.
30	Manitou	Manitou.
36	Doric	Boissevain.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine.
50	Killarney	Killarney.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

No. 14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City.
39	Birtle	Birtle.

DISTRICT No. 6.

No. 16	Kinistino	Prince Albert.
38	Battle	Battleford.

DISTRICT No. 7.

No. 19	Brandon	Brandon.
27	Glenwood	Souris.
29	Carberry	Carberry.
43	Lebanon	Virden.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake.
U. D.	Hartney	Hartney.

DISTRICT No. 8.

No. 23	Wascana	Regina.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin.
46	Wapananung	Broadview.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood.

DISTRICT No. 9.

No. 28	Bow River	Calgary.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
37	Alberta	Macleod.
41	North Star	Lethbridge.
42	Cascade	Anthracite.
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek.

The Amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "carried."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, Chairman of Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report that there are 43 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; 19 Lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers ; 6 Lodges are represented by proxy and 18 Lodges are

unrepresented. There are 47 duly qualified Past Masters and with Representatives a total vote of of 119. Your Committee find the Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented as follows :

No.	1. Prince Rupert's,	W.·.	Bro. Joseph Greenfield,	W. Master.
			Bro. George Macdonald Lang,	S. Warden.
			Bro. John Obed Smith,	J. Warden.
"	2. Lisgar,	W.·.	Bro. Lynd Smith Vaughan,	W. Master.
			Bro. Robert Moncreiff,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Richard Cobden Moody,	J. Warden.
"	3. Ancient Landmark,	W.·.	Bro. John Chambers,	W. Master.
			Bro. Thomas Howard Billman,	J. Warden.
"	4. St. John's	W.·.	Bro. James Thompson Black,	W. Master.
			Bro. Thomas William Taylor,	S. Warden.
			Bro. William Braden,	J. Warden.
"	7, Assiniboine,		Bro. Peter Whimster,	S. Warden.
"	9, Oakland,	W.·.	Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw,	W. Master.
			Bro. Gavin McClure,	J. Warden.
"	10. Northern Light,		Bro. Erastus Walter Mathews,	S. Warden.
"	11. Gladstone,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. Rev. William John Garton,	W. Master.
"	12. Stonewall,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. Rev. Arthur Wm. Goulding,	W. Master.
"	13. Belmont,	W.·.	Bro. Frederick William Holloway,	W. Master.
"	14. Prince of Wales,	W.·.	Bro. Thomas Henry Jackson,	W. Master.
"	15. Corinthian,	M.·. W.·.	Bro. James Alexander Ovas,	Proxy.
"	16. Kinistino,	M.·. W.·.	Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson,	Proxy.
"	19. Brandon,	W.·.	Bro. Francis William Green.	W. Master.
			Bro. Joseph William Quinn,	S. Warden.
"	23. Wascana,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. James Alexander Carley,	Proxy.
"	25. Ionic,	W.·.	Bro. Henry Fry,	W. Master.
			Bro. John Fletcher Mitchell,	S. Warden.
"	26. Moose Jaw,		Bro. Hamilton Lang,	S. Warden.
"	29. Carberry,	W.·.	Bro. Alexander McIntosh,	W. Master.
			Bro. Joseph Thompson,	S. Warden.
"	32. Qu'Appelle Valley,	W.·.	Bro. John Chambers,	Proxy.
"	35. Moosomin,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin,	W. Master.
"	36. Doric,	W.·.	Bro. James Rae,	W. Master.
"	39. Birtle,	W.·.	Bro. Samuel Crawford Dinsmore,	Proxy.
"	40. Deloraine,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. James Edwin Maynard,	Proxy.
"	41. North Star,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Duncan John Campbell,	Proxy.
"	42. Cascade,	W.·.	Bro. Hascall Ransford,	Proxy.
"	43. Lebanon,	W.·.	Bro. Rev. Henry Longford Watts,	W. Master.
"	45. Spitzie,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. William George Scott.	Proxy.
"	46. Wapananung,	W.·.	Bro. John McGuirl,	Proxy.
"	47. Ashlar,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin,	Proxy.

No. 48. Glenboro,	W.·. Bro. William Noble,	W. Master.
" 49. Temple,	W.·. Bro. William Cairns,	W. Master.

Fraternally submitted,

D. HOPE,

Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne (4), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers; M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), and James A. Ovas (15), R.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. Wm. John Garton (11), and John Walter Harris (4), when the elections proceeded with the following result:

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Willlam Henry Wilson (7), of Portage la Prairie, Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin (10), of Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin (35), of Moosomin, Grand Senior Warden.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), of Winnipeg, Grand Junior Warden

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

V.·. W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), of Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton (11), of Gladstone, Grand Chaplain.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1) of Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:

R.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg (2), of Selkirk, District Number One.

W.·. Bro. Archibald St. Clair McGregor (11) of Gladstone, District Number Two.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Frank Duncan Stewart (9), of Carman, District Number Three.

V.·. W.·. Bro. James Edwin Maynard (40), of Deloraine, District Number Four.
W.·. Bro. Samuel Crawford Dinsmore (39) of Birtle, District Number Five.
W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain (16) of Prince Albert, District Number Six.
W.·. Bro. Rev. Henry Longford Watts (43) of Virden, District Number Seven.
W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), of Moosomin, District Number Eight.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31) of Medicine Hat, District Number Nine.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing term :

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Walter Harris (4), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander James Belch (4), of Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), of Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope (4), of Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley (25), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts (10), of Winnipeg, and
W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black (4), to fill unexpired term of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1), resigned.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments :

W.·. Bro. Byron Marcus Canniff (7) ,of Portage la Prairie, Grand Senior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. Montague H. W. Fraser (45), of Pincher Creek, Grand Junior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. Alexander Miller (47), of Whitewood, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. Robt. Wilkinson (3), of Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Turner Child (28), of Calgary, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. James Rae (36), of Boissevain, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Noble (48), of Glenboro, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Henry Miliner (8), of Morris, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert George Brett (42), of Banff, Grand Pursuivant.

TESTIMONIALS TO PAST GRAND MASTERS.

On Motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Board of General Purposes was instructed to procure and present suitable testimonials to M.·. W.·. Bros. Thomas Clark and James A. Ovas.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock p.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday evening, June 9th, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892, at 8 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatves.

MONEY GRANTS.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3), the following appropriations were made and their payment authorized :

Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler	$ 15 00
Bro. Alexander McDonald, assistant to Grand Tyler	10 00
Committee on Credentials and Reception	25 00
Grant in aid of Grand Lodge Library	150 00
McIntyre Bros., Printing Proceedings	200 00

COMMITTEE TO SELECT BOOKS FOR LIBRARY.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), that the selection of books for the Masonic Library be left to the Grand Librarian, after consultation with a Committee of two brethren to be appointed by the Grand Master, and that all resolutions of Grand Lodge conflicting with this resolution be and are hereby rescinded.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), that a Committee consisting of R.·. W.·. Bros. David J. Goggin (10), Wm. J. Ptolemy (4), Wm. G. Scott (1) and V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10) be appointed to select Masonic books for the Library, and that the sum of one hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of said Committee for the purpose.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Rev. Henry L. Watts (43), seconded by Bro. Herbert H. Goulter (43), the Library Committee was instructed to prepare and publish a catalogue of the books in the library, and that a copy of such catalogue be forwarded to the Secretary of each Lodge in the jurisdiction.

PAYMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10) the question of payment by Grand Lodge of Representatives of Constituent Lodges in attendance at Grand Lodge, was referred to the Board of General Purposes, to devise ways and means, the Board to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge with such recommendations as may be deemed necessary.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11.30 P. M. until Friday at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Friday June 10, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892 at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Goulding (12).

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10),

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at Banff.
The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.
The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

AID TO HOSPITALS.

It was moved by W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara (10), that a further grant of One Hundred Dollars be made to the building fund of the Freemasons Hospital at Morden.

It was moved in amendment by W.·. Bro. Rev. Henry L. Watts (43), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37), that a grant of One Hundred Dollars to each of the following named Hospitals, be made from the funds of Grand Lodge, namely:—

The Freemasons Hospital at Morden.
The Medicine Hat Hospital.
The Calgary Hospital.
The Brandon Hospital.

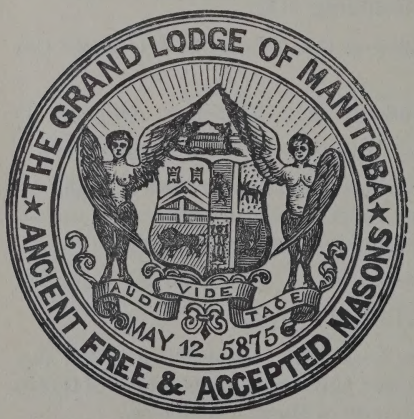
The amendment and the motion were then put to Grand Lodge and both declared lost.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, assisted by W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Seventeenth Annual Communication was closed in *due form* at 11.30 o'clock a.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton, Grand Chaplain.



Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended U.M.C.	Suspended N.P.D.	Died.	Rejected.	Membership 27th Dec. 1890.	Membership 27th Dec. 1891.
1	Prince Rupert's	10	11	9	5	....	4	....	....	1	....	111	121
2	Lisgar	3	3	3	1	....	6	....	9	2	....	67	54
3	Ancient Landmark	23	20	17	3	3	7	...	....	...	3	151	173
4	St. John's	6	5	6	1	2	4	1	2	1	2	115	116
6	Emerson	2	3	2	...	....	11	....	3	....	...	49	37
7	Assiniboine	3	3	4	3	1	7	....	....	....	1	101	101
8	King Solomon	5	5	4	2	....	1	....	3	1	....	20	22
9	Oakland	3	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	..	....	18	19
10	Northern Light	5	3	2	4	....	4	....	....	2	....	61	64
11	Gladstone	....	....	1	....	....	3	....	....	2	....	33	28
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	24	26
13	Belmont	7	7	7	2	1	4	....	....	1	1	69	74
14	Prince of Wales	3	4	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	50
15	Corinthian	5	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	30
16	Kinistino	3	...	3	1	1	1	....	3	....	1	49	50
19	Brandon	7	6	7	2	....	2	....	..	. .	1	95	102
23	Wascana	10	10	7	5	1	3	..	....	....	3	55	68
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	25	23
25	Ionic	14	11	10	3	1	3	....	2	....	1	63	76
26	Moose Jaw	9	7	7	2	....	4	....	3	...	....	37	41
27	Glenwood	3	3	4	2	....	4	...	....	..	2	27	28
28	Bow River	1	3	3	3	....	1	....	....	1	....	76	78
29	Carberry	....	....	....	1	....	1	..	1	2	....	26	23
30	Manitou	1	1	1	2	....	1	....	4	1	....	41	38
31	Medicine Hat	3	3	3	2	....	6	....	2	1	....	41	37
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	3	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	16	18

33	Indian Head			1			1					26	25
34	Qu'Appelle	2	3	3			2					23	23
35	Moosomin	3	2	2	2					2	3	35	38
36	Doric	5	5	5	1		3					32	35
37	Alberta	5	8	8	1		6					30	30
38	Battle	6	4	3	1		2	1		1	1	29	32
39	Birtle	3	2	3				1				28	30
40	Deloraine	2	2	2			1					34	35
41	North Star	3	3	2	2		4					37	38
42	Cascade	6	5	4	3		5		2			32	34
43	Lebanon	3	2	3	5		2			1		25	30
44	Oak Lake	10	7	2	1		1			1	2	13	22
45	Spitzie	2	2	1	1							15	18
46	Wapananung	7	7	4			2				1	10	15
47	Ashlar	4	4	4	1		1					8	12
48	Glenboro	8	5	8	1			1		1		17	24
49	Temple	5	4	4			9					18	14
50	Killarney	2	2	2	14								16
51	Treherne	5	4	3	10								15
U.D.	Hartney	1			8								9
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ROLL OF EXTINCT LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Place of Meeting.	Date of Charter.	Remarks.
5	Hiram	Kildonan, Manitoba	June 14, 1876	Charter Surrendered June 13, 1890
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Saskatch'n	February 16, 1883	Charter Surrendered February 13, 1889
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco	February 16, 1883	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1890
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound, Man	February 9, 1882	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1891
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie, Man	February 16, 1883	Consolidated with Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, June 24,'89
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Ont	March 3, 1883	United with Grand Lodge of Canada, April 6, 1887

NAMES OF OFFICERS OF LODGES.

No.	Name.	Town and P. O. Address.	County.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Joseph Greenfield	John H. Mitchell	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Manitoba	Lynd S. Vaughan	Rev. C. R. Littler	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	John Chambers	Fred P. Welsh	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	James T. Black	S. G. G. Thompson	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	Manitoba	John W. Macdonald	John McCaul	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	William J. Cooper	Alex. Bowman	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	John H. Miliner	H. R. Whitworth	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	George E. Laidlaw	H. C. Cunningham	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Geo. W. Baker	C. Graburn	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Rev. Wm. J. Garton	John Ferguson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding	William Lindsay	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin	Manitoba	Frederick W. Holloway	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Thomas H. Jackson	Robert H. Myers	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Robert T. Butchart	John Whyte	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	James F. A. Stull	Alex. R. Burns	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	F. W. Green	J. S. Brayfield	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	Samuel B. Jamieson	Wm. J. Chisholm	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains.	Manitoba	John A. Davidson	A. R. Graham	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Henry Fry	Neil S. Shaw	First Friday in each month.

26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	James N. McDonald	Robert H. Lowe	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Brandon	Manitoba	John Chestnut	James W. Breakey	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	Rev. Alfred W. F. Cooper	F. W. Pettit	Monday on or before full moon.
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Manitoba	Alexander McIntosh	William Dickie	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Manitoba	Richard D. Foley	Chas. R. Foley	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	William T. Finlay	Francis F. Fatt	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	William Hall	Arthur Atherton	Tuesday on or after full moon.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	William Levi Wait	George Thompson	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	Edward W. Warner	Frederick Bell	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	Francis G. Lewin	Ernest H. Scott	Wednesday on or after full moon
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	James Rae	William Gordon	Wednesday on or before full moon
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	Robert Patterson	C. E. D. Wood	First Saturday in each month.
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	Bruce A. Lawson	N.A. Mackenzie, ac'g	First Wednesday in each month.
39	Birtle	Birtle	Shoal Lake	Manitoba	James A. Johnston	John Lane	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	Alex. C. McKay	James Cavers	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star	Lethbridge		Alberta	Norman T. McLeod	Percy H. Belcher	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Anthracite		Alberta	Charles Raven	Thomas F. English	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon	Virden	Dennis	Manitoba	H. H. Goulter	Alphaeus B. Buck	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Dennis	Manitoba	John Taylor	Derwin H. Parker	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek		Alberta	Edward M. Wilmot	Henry E. Hyde	Friday on or before full moon.
46	Wapananung	Broadview		Assiniboia	James Pollock	Robert Patterson	First Thursday in each month.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood		Assiniboia	Alexander Miller	John H. Knowler	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Norfolk	Manitoba	William Noble	E. Sharpe, acting	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor	Norfolk	Manitoba	William Cairns	William B. Gilroy	Wednesday on or after full moon
50	Killarney	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	John Rigby	J. A. Patterson	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	Norfolk	Manitoba	Rev. H. W. Fraser	William Nelson	Friday on or before full moon.
	Hartney (U.D.)	Hartney	Winchester	Manitoba	W. M. Osborne	E. Hammond	Tuesday on or before full moon.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

District Number One.

D. D. G. M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg, *Selkirk.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's ..... Winnipeg
" 2—Lisgar ..... Selkirk
" 3—Ancient Landmark ..... Winnipeg
" 4—St. John's ..... Winnipeg
" 6—Emerson ..... Emerson
" 8—King Solomon ..... Morris
" 10—Northern Light ..... Winnipeg
" 12—Stonewall ..... Stonewall
" 25—Ionic ..... Winnipeg

District Number Two.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Archibald St. Clair McGregor *Mekiwin.*

No. 7—Assiniboine ..... Portage la Prairie
" 11—Gladstone ..... Gladstone
" 24—Neepawa ..... Neepawa
" 49—Temple ..... McGregor

District Number Three.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Frank Duncan Stewart, *Carman.*

No. 9—Oakland ..... Carman
" 49—Glenboro ..... Glenboro
" 51—Treherne ..... Treherne

District Number Four.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. James Edwin Maynard, *Deloraine.*

No. 13—Belmont ..... Morden
" 30—Manitou ..... Manitou
" 36—Doric ..... Boissevain
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine
" 50—Killarney ..... Killarney

District Number Five.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Crawford Dinsmore, *Hamiota.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City
" 39—Birtle ..... Birtle

District Number Six.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert
" 38—Battle ..... Battleford

District Number Seven.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Henry Longford Watts, *Virden.*

No. 19—Brandon ..... Brandon
" 27—Glenwood ..... Souris
" 29—Carberry ..... Carberry
" 43—Lebanon ..... Virden
" 44—Oak Lake ..... Oak Lake
U. D. Hartney ..... Hartney

District Number Eight.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl, *Moosomin.*

No. 23—Wascana ..... Regina
" 26—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle
" 33—Indian Head ..... Indian Head
" 34—Qu'Appelle ..... Qu'Appelle
" 35—Moosomin ..... Moosomin
" 46—Wapananung ..... Broadview
" 47—Ashlar ..... Whitewood

District Number Nine.

D. D. G. M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, *Medicine Hat.*

No. 28—Bow River ..... Calgary
" 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat
" 37—Alberta ..... Macleod
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge
" 42—Cascade ..... Banff
" 45—Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek

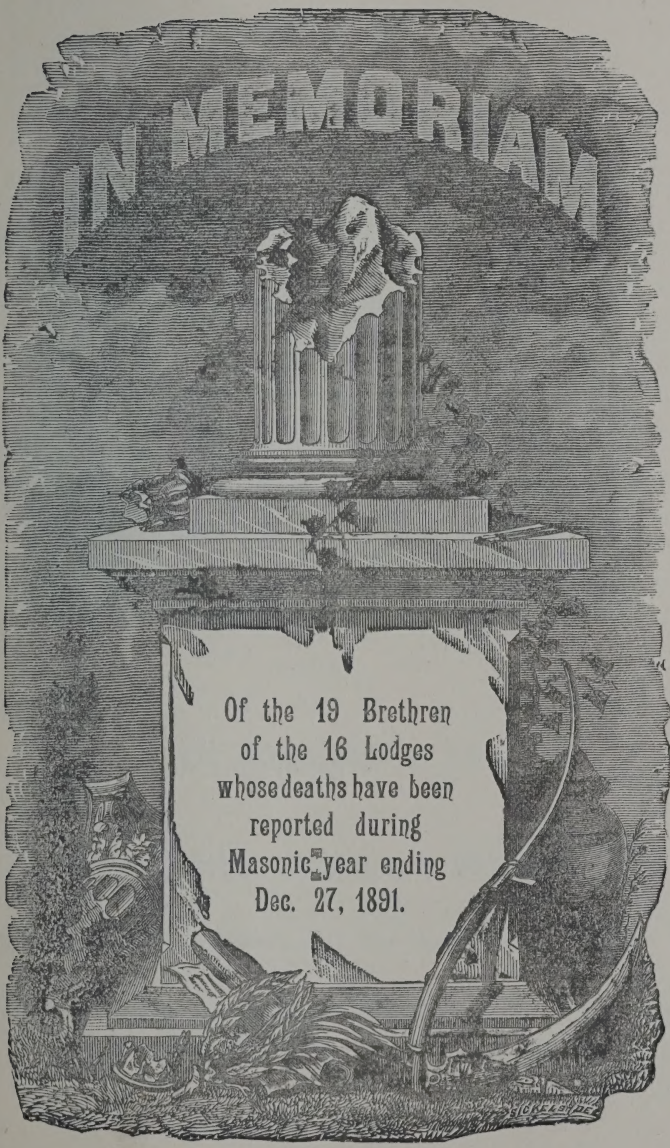
Recapitulation.

District Number One	9
District Number Two	4
District Number Three	3
District Number Four	5
District Number Five	3
District Number Six	2
District Number Seven	6
District Number Eight	8
District Number Nine	6
Total	46

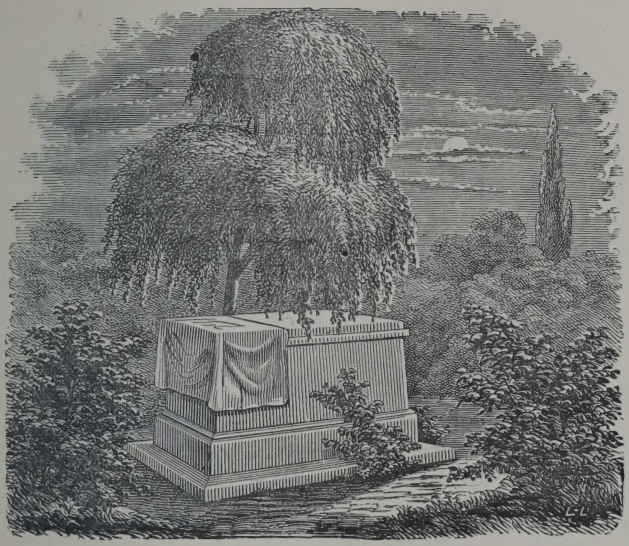
DEATHS, 19—16 LODGES.

"To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Corydon Partlow Brown	December 17, 1891	Prince Rupert's	1
Samuel Lawrence Bedson	July 17, 1891	Lisgar	2
Frank White	July 15, 1891	Lisgar	2
Charles Hutchinson	September 18, 1891	St. John's	4
Albert Christopher Scott	October 11, 1891	King Solomon	8
Gilbert McMicken	March 7, 1891	Northern Light	10
John McDougall	December 3, 1891	Gladstone	11
William Winram	February 12, 1891	Belmont	13
John Walker	May 29, 1891	Bow River	28
Henry McLeod	February 25, 1891	Carberry	29
John Regan	July 21, 1891	Carberry	29
Albert Oliver	August 29, 1891	Medicine Hat	31
Hugh Noble	December 5, 1891	Qu'Appelle Valley	32
William Mountain Barbour		Moosomin	35
Francis Tagart Carman	September, 1891	Moosomin	35
John Fitzpatrick	September 8, 1891	Battle	38
Russell Henry Read	February 1, 1891	Lebanon	43
John Horsman	March 7, 1891	Oak Lake	44
Richard Saunders	July 31, 1891	Glenboro	48


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 19 Brethren
of the 16 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1891.

But though earth's fairest blossoms die,
And all beneath the skies is vain,
There is a brighter world on high
Beyond the reach of care and pain."



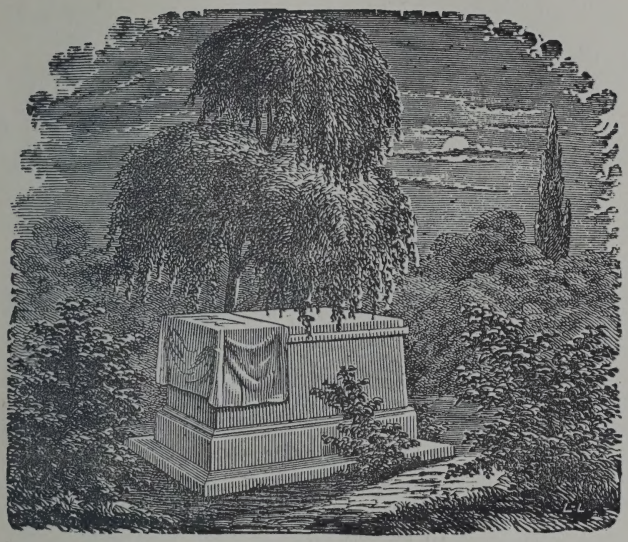
In Memoriam of

R.·. W.·. BRO. LAURENCE BEDSON.

Past Grand Senior Warden, and Past Grand Junior Warden.

Born at ——— February 28, 1842.
Died at Ottawa, Canada, July 17, 1891.

"For there is hushed on earth
A voice of gladness—there is veiled a face,
Whose parting leaves a dark and silent place,
By the once joyous hearth."



In Memoriam of

V.·. W.·. BRO. HUGH NOBLE,

Grand Steward and W.·. M.·. Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32,
Fort Qu'Appelle.

Born at Brechan, Scotland ——— 1847.
Died at Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia, December 5. 1891.

"We'll not forget thee, we who stay
To work a little longer here ;
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall be
On memory's page all bright and clear.'

IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

Thou shalt lie down
"With patriarchs of the infant world—with kings,
The powerful of the earth—the wise, the good,
Fair forms, and hoary seers of ages past,
All in one mighty sepulchre."

Inscribed to the Memory

—OF—

The Illustrious Dead of Sister Grand Lodges.

R.·. W.·. BRO. IRA BERRY.,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Maine.

Died at Portland, Maine, September 20, 1891, aged 90 years.

R.·. W.·. BRO. COLONEL SHADWELL CLERKE.

Grand Secretary United Grand Lodge of England.

Died at London, Eng., December 25, 1891, aged 55 years.

R.·. W.·. BRO. EDWARD MITCHELL,

Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Canada.

Died at Hamilton, Ont., February 22nd, 1892, aged .. years.

R.·. W.·. BRO. CLIFFORD P. McCALLA.

Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Died at Port Said, Egypt, April 24, 1892, aged 55 years.

R.·. W.·. BRO.·. WILLIAM S. HAYES.

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Died at Wilmington, Delaware, May 24, 1892, aged 67 years.

Who battled for the true, the just.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.

EXPULSIONS AFFIRMED.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Allan Tompkins	June 9, 1892	St. Johns	4
Archibald A. Watson	June 9, 1892	Assiniboine	7

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Charles Wellington Bubar	June 1, 1891	Lisgar	2
William Herbison Eaton	June 1, 1891	Lisgar	2
Malcolm McFayden	June 1, 1891	Lisgar	2
George Parr Phillips	June 1, 1891	Lisgar	2
Samuel Steele	June 1, 1891	Lisgar	2
Roland Street	June 1, 1891	Lisgar	2
John Macdougall	July 6, 1991	Lisgar	2
Claude Robert Macfie	July 6, 1891	Lisgar	2
John Frederick Kennedy	December 7, 1891	Lisgar	2
Millard Fillmore Hawkins	March 4, 1891	St. John	4
Pirrie Thompson	March 4, 1891	St. John	4
David McKay	November 12, 1891	Emerson	6
Archibald McKay	November 12, 1891	Emerson	6
William Mills	November 12, 1891	Emerson	6
James Hooper	June 24, 1891	King Solomon	8
James Croft Kennedy	June, 24 1891	King Solomon	8
William Alexander McLean	June 24, 1891	King Solomon	8
Joseph McKay	June 6, 1891	Kinistino	16
Joseph William Hurd	December 4, 1891	Kinistino	16
Andrew Nelson Peterson	December 4, 1891	Kinistino	16
Thomas J. Faragher	December 4, 1891	Ionic	25
John Wilkie	December 4, 1891	Ionic	25
Joseph Eugene Battell	June 9, 1891	Moose Jaw	26
William Duff	June 9, 1891	Moose Jaw	26
Findlay Hillard McCaskill	June 9, 1891	Moose Jaw	26
Paul Nelson	December 15, 1891	Carberry	29
William Fullerton	July 17, 1891	Manitou	30
James Daniel Maxwell	July 17, 1891	Manitou	30
Alexander Tait	July 17, 1891	Manitou	30
Joseph Tees	July 17, 1891	Manitou	30
William George Hall	September 18, 1891	Medicine Hat	31
Thomas George Yerex	August 18, 1891	Medicine Hat	31
William Williams,	March 3, 1891	Alberta	37
William Arnott	December 10, 1891	Cascade	42
John Simington	December 10, 1891	Cascade	42

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Andrew Taylor McNab	January 12, 1891	Ancient Landmark	3
Samuel Russell Kerr	April 13, 1891	Ancient Landmark	3
William John Cooper	June 11, 1891	Ancient Landmark	3
Thomas Bell	February 4, 1891	St. Johns	4
Charles Wallace Sharp	December 2, 1891	St. Johns	4
John B. Pewtress	May 20, 1891	Assiniboine	7
Andrew Laughlin	February 19, 1891	Belmont	13
Joseph McKay	December 18, 1891	Kinistino	16
Thomas Cook Johnstone	April 7, 1891	Wascana	23
John Douglas Burt	January 2, 1891	Ionic	25

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, MAY 12, 1875.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. S. WARDEN.	GR. J. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.	GR. REGISTRAR.	GR. CHAPLAIN.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	Jas. Henderson.	*S. L. Bedson ..	*Col. John Kennedy.	John H. Bell.....	**H. T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson.	*S. L. Bedson ..	G. F. Newcomb	** J. J. Johnson...	John H. Bell.....	J. W. Harris.	Rev. Canon J. D O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb ..	James Henderson.	John W. Harris.	....	J. J. Johnson...	John H. Bell.....	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb ..	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ...	*F. T. Bradley..	J. J. Johnson...	John H. Bell.....	*Col John Kennedy,	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin....	R. McCuaig	J. J. Johnson...	John H. Bell	**James Munro ..	Rev. James Flett.
1880	John H. Bell.	.....	*Hon. G. McMicken.	†J M. McGregor	J. J. Johnson...	Wm. G. Scott	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	John H. Bell.	Wm. G. Scott.....	†D. B. Murray..	....	J. J. Johnson...	James Henderson	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	John H. Bell. ...	Wm. G. Scott	Alfred Pearson..	....	J. J. Johnson...	....	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell.	†D. B. Murray....	R. McQuaig	† John Smith, M. D.	J. J. Johnson...	Wm. G. Scott	D. Young, M. D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	John H. Bell.	.....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M. D.	J. J. Johnson...	Wm. G. Scott ...	†Wm. Simpson....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	. .....	Alfred Pearson....	P. McGregor...	†Tnos. Collins..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	J. W. H. Wilson..	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	Alfred Pearson....	Peter McGregor..	J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. G. Bell	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Jas. S. Greig	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	Thomas Clark....	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Joseph Daniel	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos. L. Morton	Thos McPherson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1890	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos McPherson	Fred L. Newman.	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	R. W. Woodroofe.	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell	John W. H. Wilson	Rich'd D. Foley	John Leslie	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	James G. Dagg...	Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	John W. H. Wilson.	D. J. Goggin.....	F. G. Lewin....	Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. A. Windatt..	Rev. William J. Garton.

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
British Columbia...	John S. Hough	Winnipeg..	February 18, 1887
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson .	Winnipeg.....	October 6, 1885
New Brunswick....	George F. Newcomb..	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia.....	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara.	Winnipeg..	April 20, 1889
Prince Edward Isl'd	John J. Jackson.....	Winnipeg.	June 22, 1889
Quebec.....	Robert W. Woodroofe	Winnipeg.....	August 25, 1891

From the United Kingdom.

England	Alfred Pearson.....	Winnipeg.....	March 17, 1886
Ireland.....	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.....	October 6, 1890
Scotland	John H. Bell.....	Roseland	November 6, 1884

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie.....	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona.....	James A. Payne.....	Winnipeg	Nov. 30, 1888
Arkansas.....	Roderick McCuaig....	Portage la Prairie ..	Dec 26, 1883
California	John W. H. Wilson...	Portage la Prairie .	October 6, 1885
Colorado.....	Wm. H. Seach.....	Winnipeg	Nov. 28, 1883
Connecticut..	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch....	Winnipeg	January 11, 1889
District of Columbia	Thomas A. Cuddy....	Minnedosa	Nov. 27, 1888
Florida	Rev. S. P. Matheson..	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thomas Lewis Morton	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John Headly Bell.....	Winnipeg	August 28, 1876
Illinois.....	John Leslie.....	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Indian Territory ..	Donald Hope.....	Winnipeg	June 26, 1889
Iowa	Rev. A. W. Goulding.	Stony Mountain....	February 24, 1890
Kansas	James A. Ovas.....	Rapid City	Dec. 26, 1886
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson.....	Winnipeg	January 18, 1881
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt..	Portage la Prairie...	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicol	Neepawa.	Dec. 26, 1883
Michigan.....	John McKechnie ...	Winnipeg	May 16, 1888
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan.....	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell.....	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd ..	Minnedosa	February 12, 1891
Montana	John H. Bell.....	Roseland.....	Nov. 22, 1875
Nebraska	Richard Dennis Foley.	Manitou	Nov. 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	John Colwell	Brandon	March 7, 1890
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Winnipeg	Dec. 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	Nov. 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	Duncan J. Campbell	Macleod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	Dec. 15, 1883
Pennsylvania	William G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 3, 1879
Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg	August 11, 1880
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Frederick L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Portage la Prairie	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa.	March 15, 1879
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 12, 1885
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1891
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
Washington	Rev. J. M. Wellwood	Minnedosa	Nov. 18, 1884
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assa.	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg	June 26, 1877

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Daniel H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885
Victoria	Thomas McPherson	Lethbridge, Alberta	March 16, 1891

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving, Q. C.	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munro	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M.D.	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edward Isl'd	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Sept. 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	George W. Shannon	Dublin	Dec. 13, 1890
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	James W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	John Mills Brown	Vallego	May 9, 1877
Colorado	Jethro C. Sanford	Durango	Sept. 10, 1891
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
District of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington	August 16, 1880
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassa	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo	Sept. 5, 1879
Iowa	George M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	Sept. 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	Dec. 10, 1886
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville	June 16, 1879
Louisiana	Charles Chaffee	New Orleans	June 8, 1877
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	Nov. 16, 1883
Minnesota	I. B. Cummings	Winona	1880

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D.	Sardis	Dec. 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	Nov. 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City	Dec. 14, 1883
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	Dec. 5, 1887
New Jersey	George W. Powe	Jersey City	May 13, 1891
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Samuel Jones	New York	January 15, 1876
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Roswell W. Knowlton.	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati	April 10, 1884
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Layfayette	
Pennsylvania	General Louis Wagner	Philadelphia	August 29, 1884
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Dandridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsicana	Sept, 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	Sept. 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Thomas T. Minor	Townsend	Sept. 20, 1876
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne	August 25, 1877

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	William H. Tulloh	Sydney	October 30, 1889
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	Nov. 24, 1887
South Australia	James Magor Symons.	Adelaide	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	Feb. 16, 1891

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

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Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal

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Ireland	Archibald St. George, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

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Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnston	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward Parmelee	Pueblo.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, D.C. M.T.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	Boise City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
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Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
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North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati, P.O.B. 755.
Oregon	S. F. Chadwick	Salem.
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South Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Aberdeen.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
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South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
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Victoria	T. H. Lempriere	Melbourne.

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Brazil	Alex. Freire do Arnaral	Rio de Janeiro.
Brazil, Grand Orient of	Antonio Pinto Mendez	Rio de Janeiro.
Costa Rica	A. Osborne	San Jose.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso.
Columbia, Sup. Council U.S. of	Damaro Sapota	Carthagena.
Cuba, Island of	Jose F. Pellon	Havana.
Mexico	Enrique Aragon	Mexico.
Peru	J. A. Ego. Aguirre	Lima.
Venezuela	Isaac J. Pardo	Carracas.

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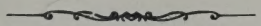

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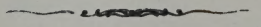

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Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the town of Morden, Province of Manitoba, on Friday, July 1st, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

OPENING.

The Special Communication was opened in *due form* by the R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.

PRESENT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin (10)..... .....Deputy Grand Master.
" " " William Francis Ellis (30).....as Grand Senior Warden.
" " John Chambers (3) .....as Grand Junior Warden.
V.·. " " James Edwin Maynard (40)..... D. D. G. M. Dist. No. 4.
R.·. " " John McKechnie (1).....Grand Treasurer.
" " " Wm. George Scott (1).....Grand Secretary.
" " " Rev. Wm. John Garton (11)..... ...Grand Chaplain.
" " Corbet Locke (13) .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Donald John McCuish (13) .....as Grand Junior Deacon.
R.·. " " Byron Fraser (13).....as Grand Dir. of Cer.
" John McBride (1) . .....Grand Tyler.

Members of Grand Lodge and visiting brethren from Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1; Lisgar Lodge, No. 2; Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3; St. John's Lodge, No. 4; King Solomon Lodge, No. 8; Belmont Lodge, No. 13; Manitou Lodge, No. 30, and Deloraine Lodge, No. 40.

The R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master conveyed to the brethren assembled the kind wishes of the Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson and his regrets that owing to ill health he was unable

to be present. He further informed the Grand Lodge that they were assembled in Special Communication for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Freemasons' Hospital, at Morden, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master having accepted the invitation of the Trustees and Building Committee to perform said ceremony in accordance with the usages of our ancient Craft, and for reasons mentioned the M.·. W.·. Grand Master had requested him to perform the ceremony.

A procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Constitution, was formed and headed by the Morden Brass Band marched through the town to the site of the hospital.

The R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers having taken their positions the Deputy Grand Master began the proceedings by welcoming those present and thanking them for their attendance and the interest shown in the work in which they were about to engage.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton, Grand Chaplain, then offered up prayer.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, next read the scroll about to be deposited in the stone, as follows :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 1st Day on July, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892,

And in the 56th year of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor-General of Canada.

The Hon JOHN SCHULTZ, Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

The Hon. JOHN J. C. ABBOTT, K. C. M. G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. THOS. GREENWAY, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

M.·. W.·. Bro. JOHN WILLIAM HENRY WILSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

R.·. W.·. Bro. DAVID JAMES GOGGIN, Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. FRANCIS GLADSTONE LEWIN, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. THOS. ROBINSON, Grand Junior Warden.

V.·. W.·. Bro. JAMES EDWIN MAYNARD, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4.

Valentine Winkler, Reeve; C. McCorquodale, Clerk and Treasurer; D. J. McCuish, W. Reekie, S. A. Farley, John Borthwick, Thos. G. Elliott and L. Watson, Councillors of the Municipality of Stanley.

Bros. Frederick Wm. Holloway, Worshipful Master; Andrew Mather, Senior Warden, and William Connor, Junior Warden, of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M.

M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, R.·. W.·. Bro. Byron Fraser; W.·. Bros. D. J. McCuish, C. F. Collins, C. R. Dunsford, Corbet Locke and Bros. Rev. W. Walton, Henry J. Pugh, Jacob Heiman, B. J. McConnell, Henry P. Hanson, Thomas Duncan, Andrew Mather and R. C. Bradshaw, Building Committee.

Bros. Henry P. Hanson, C. R. Dunsford, Jacob Heiman, Wm. Conner and Corbet Locke, Trustees.

The Corner Stone

OF THE FREEMASONS' HOSPITAL, AT MORDEN,

Was laid by R.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, attended and assisted by the Grand Officers and a large concourse of the brethren in accordance with the Ancient usages of the Craft which may God protect and prosper.

In the corner stone were placed, in addition to the scroll, the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the By-laws of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden, copies of the "Winnipeg Free Press" and "Tribune," "The Canadian Craftsman," "Toronto Freemason" and the current coins of Canada.

W.·. Brother Corbet Locke presented to the Deputy Grand Master a very handsome silver trowel, neatly engraved, to commemorate the occasion. R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, in accepting

the trowel, on behalf of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master returned very cordial thanks, congratulating the brethren of Morden on the commendable Masonic spirit and the enterprise shown in commencing the erection of such a useful building, and expressing the hope that success would crown their efforts.

The Masonic ceremonies of laying the corner stone were than proceeded with, and it having been placed in position, the Acting Deputy Grand Master applied the square, the Acting Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Acting Grand Junior Warden the plumb rule, when they reported that they found the stone to be well and truly laid and that the Craftsmen had performed their duty. The Acting Grand Officers then consecrated the stone by pouring upon it corn, wine and oil, the emblems of Plenty, Joy, and Consolation. The Acting Grand Master then, striking the stone three times with the trowel, declared it well made, well laid, true and trusty.

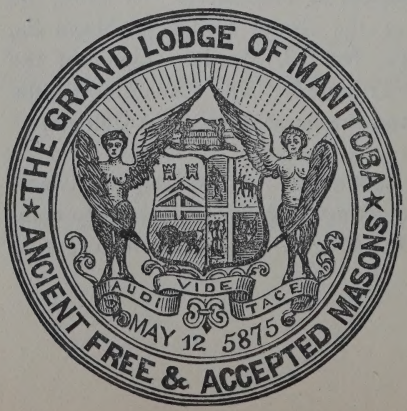
The Grand Honors having been given and the benediction pronounced the Acting Grand Master declared the ceremony completed.

Addresses were than delivered by M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara and Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson upon the objects and aims of Freemasonry and by W.·. Bro. Corbett Locke, upon the object in view in the erection of the Hospital.

The procession was then re-formed, and escorted as before, returned to the Lodge room.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge was closed in *due form* at 4:40 o'clock p. m.



Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall in the Town of Deloraine, Province of Manitoba, on Sunday, July 10th, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892, at 2 o clock p.m.

OPENING.

The Special Communication was opened in *form* by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, P. G. M.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson (10) ..... as Grand Master.
" " " Geo. F. Newcomb (40) ..... as Deputy Grand Master.
" " John Flesher (40) ..... as Grand Senior Warden.
" " Alex. C. Mackay (40) ..... as Grand Junior Warden.
V.·. " " James E. Maynard (40) ..... D. D. G. M. Dist. No. 4.
" " " Thomas H. Kellett (40) ..... as Grand Treasurer,
M.·. " " James A. Ovas (15) ..... as Grand Secretary.
" Rev. John May (40) ..... as Grand Chaplain.
" Conrad C. Clerihue (40) ..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" John L. Nelson (40) ..... as Grand Dir. of Cer.
" Thomas B. Wright (40) ..... as Grand Steward
" W. A. McKee —— ..... as Grand Steward.
" Mack A. Wilson (40) ..... as Grand Steward.
" Delbet Johnston —— ..... as Grand Steward.
W.·. " Charles A. Young (40) ..... as Grand Pursuivant.
" Wm. T. Woodean (40) ..... as Grand Tyler.

Members of Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges.

M... W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson informed the Grand Lodge that the Special Communication was convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Deloraine, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master having accepted the invitation of the Rector and Wardens of the Parish of St. Andrew to

lay said stone in accordance with the usages of our Ancient Craft, and that the M.·. W.·. Grand Master being unable to attend owing to severe illness had appointed him to act in his behalf.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 2:30 p.m. until 7 o'clock p.m.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 7 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon Matheson, Acting Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members of Grand Lodge and constituent lodges.

The Grand Lodge then attended Divine Service, conducted by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, assisted by Rev. C. S. Goodman, Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew.

At 8 o'clock p.m. a procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Constitution, was formed and marched to the site of the new church.

The Acting Grand Master and Grand Officers having taken their positions, M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson commenced the proceedings by thanking those present for the interest evinced by their attendance at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a building to be devoted to the service of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth.

M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, Acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll about to be deposited under the corner stone as follows :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth

ON THE TENTH DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892.

And in the 56th year of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. JOHN SCHULTZ, Lieut.-Gov. of the Province of Manitoba.

The Hon. JOHN J. C. ABBOTT, K. C. M. G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. THOMAS GREENWAY, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

M.·. W.·. Bro. JOHN WILLIAM HENRY WILSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

R.·. W.·. Bro. DAVID JAMES GOGGIN, Deputy Grand Master,

R.·. W.·. Bro. FRANCIS GLADSTONE LEWIN, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. THOMAS ROBINSON, Grand Junior Warden.

V.·. W.·. Bro. JAMES EDWIN MAYNARD, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4.

Bros. A. C. Mackay, Worshipful Master; R. S. Thornton, Senior Warden, and J. L. Nelson, Junior Warden, of Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, G. R. M., A. F. & A. M.

The Most Reverend Robert Machray, D.D., L.L.D., Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

The Rev. C. Sidney Goodman, Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew, Deloraine, Manitoba.

W. R. David, and W. T. Woodean, Wardens.

A. P. Stuart, Lay Delegate to Synod.

J. W. Grant, J. W. Lang, H. Burton, and G. Marshall, Vestrymen.

A. P. Stuart, T. H. Kellett, W. R. David, W. T. Woodean, Dr. W. J. C. Tomalin, Building Committee.

Geo. Temple, Architect and Contractor.

The Corner Stone

OF ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Was laid by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon Samuel Pritchard Matheson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers, the brethren of Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, G. R. M., A. F. & A. M., and other brethren in accordance with the ancient usages of the Fraternity, which may God ever protect and prosper.

The corner stone contained, in addition to the scroll, copies of the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.

F. & A. M., the By-laws of Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M. the Winnipeg "Free Press," "Tribune" and "Manitoban," the "Deloraine Weekly Times," flint arrow head, and the current coins of Canada.

The architect of the building then presented M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson with a handsome silver trowel commemorative of the occasion. The Acting Grand Master having made a suitable reply the Masonic ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone were proceeded with in due form. The stone having been placed in position, the Acting Deputy Grand Master applied the square, the Acting Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Acting Grand Junior Warden the plumb rule, and reported that they found the corner stone well and truly laid and that the craftsmen had faithfully performed their duty. The Acting Deputy Grand Master then strewed corn upon the stone, as the emblem of Plenty, the Acting Grand Senior Warden poured wine upon it as the emblem of Joy, and the Acting Grand Junior Warden annointed it with oil as the emblem of Consolation. The Acting Grand Master then striking the stone three times with the trowel, declared it to be well made, well laid, true and trusty.

The Grand Honors were then given and the Acting Grand Master declared the ceremony completed.

The benediction having been pronounced the procession reformed and returned to to the Lodge room.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* at 9:30 o'clock p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

A Special Communication of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall in the Town of Portage la Prairie, Province of Manitoba, on Thursday, July 31st, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892, at 3:50 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	David James Goggin (10)	as Grand Master.
"	"	"	Fred. L. Newman (7)	as Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	Roland C. Brown (7)	as Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	Thomas Robinson (10)	Grand Junior Warden.
"	"	"	James G. Dagg (2)	D. D. G. M., Dist. No. 1.
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)	Grand Treasurer.
"	"	"	Wm. G. Scott (1)	Grand Secretary.
M.·.	"	"	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10)	as Grand Chaplain.
"	"	"	Byron M. Canniff (7)	Grand Senior Deacon.
R.·.	"	"	Robt. W. Woodroofe (1)	as Grand Junior Deacon.
	"	"	John Mason, (7)	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
		"	Joseph Dore	as Grand Organist.
	W.·.	"	James T. Black (4)	as Grand Steward.
	"	"	Rev. A. H. Cameron	as Grand Steward.
		"	Geo. Carmichael	as Grand Pursuivant.
		"	John McBride (1)	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Past Grand Master.
"	"	"	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	" "
R.·.	"	"	John W. Harris	Past Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	Fred. L. Newman	Past Grand Junior Warden.
"	"	"	John Leslie	" "
"	"	"	Alex. J. Belch	" "
"	"	"	Roland C. Brown	" "
"	"	"	Frank W. Peters	P. D. D. Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland.....P. D. D. Grand Master.
" " " James A. Payne .....P. G. Registrar.
" " " Robert W. Woodroofe..... " "
" " " Rev. A. W. Goulding.....P. G. Chaplain.
" " " James A. Carley .....P. G. Steward.
" " " James J. White ..... " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

W.·. Bro. Joseph Greenfield, W. M .....Prince Ruperts Lodge No. 1.
" Geo. M. Lang, S.W..... " "
" " Lynd S. Vaughan, W. M .....Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.
" " John Chambers, W. M.....Ancient Land'rk Lodge, No. 3.
" Thomas H. Billman, J. W..... " "
" " James T. Black, W.M.....St. John's Lodge, No. 4.
" Thos. W. Taylor, S. W..... " "
" " Wm. J. Cooper, W. M.....Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7.
" Peter Whimster, S. W ..... " "
" Hyles E. Turner, J. W..... " "
" " George W. Baker, W. M.....Northern Light Lodge No. 10.
" Erastus W. Matthews, S. W. . " "
R.·. " " Rev. A. W. Goulding, W. M..Stonewall Lodge, No. 12.
" " Francis W. Green, W. M.....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
" William A. Lang, S. W..... " "
" " Henry Fry, W. M .....Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
" John F. Mitchell, S. W..... " "
" " William Cairns, W. M .....Temple Lodge, No. 49.

and a large number of Past Masters and Master Masons.

OPENING.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *due form* by R.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin informed the brethren that they had been called together for the purpose of performing the sad and solemn duty of attending the funeral of our late Grand Master M.·. W.·. Bro. John W. H. Wilson and paying the last honors of Masonry over his remains, and paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the deceased brother.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson also in a few well chosen words testified to the integrity of our late Grand Master

and of the esteem in which his memory would be held by the craft throughout the entire jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was then formed in procession, and headed by the Portage Brass Band marched from the lodge room to the late residence of the deceased where the impressive burial service of the Church of England was conducted by the Right Rev. Robert Machray, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by M.·.W.·.Bros. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson and Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara and by the Rev. Mr. McMorine, Incumbent of St. Mary's Church, Portage la Prairie, of which church deceased was a member. With solemn music by the band the body was then removed from the house and the cortege, escorted by Albert Edward Preceptory K. T., proceeded to St. Mary's Cemetery, where the remains were consigned to the grave with the solemn and impressive service of the Order. Thus the services ended.

The procession was reformed and returned to the lodge room, where the Grand Lodge was called on.

RESOLUTION.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick L. Newman (7), and

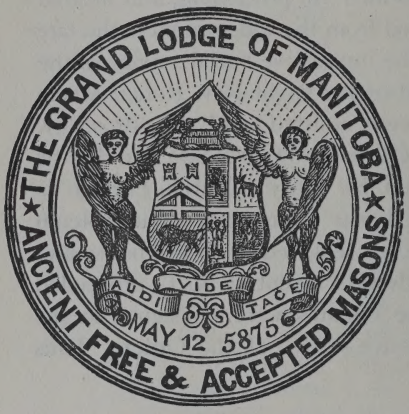
Resolved, That the Deputy Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee to draft and forward resolutions of condolence to the family of the late M.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson.

The Deputy Grand Master in accordance with the foregoing resolution appointed a committee composed of the following brethren: M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman.

CLOSING.

The business of the Special Communication having been completed, the Grand Lodge was closed in *due form* at 6:30 o'clock

p.m., and with prayer by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson, Acting Grand Chaplain.



Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic hall, at the Town of Manitou, Province of Manitoba, on Wednesday, August 3rd, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892, at 10:30 a.m.

OPENING.

The Special Communication was opened in *ample form* by M.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin, Grand Master.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin [10].....Grand Master.
R.·. " " Richard D. Foley [30] .....as Deputy Grand Master.
" " Matthew Young [30] ..... as Grand Senior Warden.
" Joseph Rombough [30] .....as Grand Junior Warden.
" William Cowe [30].....as Grand Treasurer.
R.·. W.·. " William F. Ellis [30].....as Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Noah Hewitt [30]..... ...as Grand Chaplain.
" Richard McKenzie [30]. .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
" Charles R. Foley [30]..... .....as Grand Junior Deacon.
" J. S. Miller——.....as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
" Henry J. Rockett [30].....as Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* by M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication had been convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Winram Memorial Church (Anglican) now being erected near the Town of Manitou.

A procession in accordance with the regulations as contained in the Constitution was formed and marched to the site of the building.

The Grand Master addressed the assembly and the proceedings were commenced by the Acting Grand Chaplain invoking a blessing upon their labors.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll:

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE THIRD DAY OF AUGUST A.D. 1892, A. L. 5892.

And in the 56th year of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency, LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. JOHN SCHULTZ, Lieut.-Governor of the Prov. of Manitoba.

The Hon. JOHN J. C. ABBOTT, K. C., M. G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. THOS. GREENWAY, Premier of the Prov. of Manitoba.

R.·. W.·. Bro. DAVID JAMES GOGGIN, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

R.·. W.·. Bro. FRANCIS GLADSTONE LEWIN, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. ROBINSON, Grand Junior Warden.

V.·. W.·. Bro. JAMES EDWIN MAYNARD, Dist. Deputy Grand Master of Dist. No. 4.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley, W. M.; Bro. John H. Anderson, S. W.; Bro. Joseph Rombough, J. W., of Manitou Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M.

The Most Reverend Robert Machray, D.D., L.L.D., Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of and Bishop of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

The Reverend Noah Hewitt, B.A., B.D., Incumbent of St. Mary's Parish, Pembina Municipality.

Robert Seward, and Geo. Winram, Wardens.

Adam Rinn, William Maloney, John Bowler, Alexander Winram, Thomas Phillips and Richard Seward, Vestrymen.

W. H. Bowler and Messrs Kerr and Magee, Contractors.

Chas. H. Wheeler, Esq., Architect.

Ferris Bolton, Reeve of Pembina Municipality, and Geo. Wyot, Adam Rinn, John Davidson, Martin Nicholl, John Patterson and J. W. Swales, Councillors.

The Corner Stone,

OF THE WINRAM MEMORIAL CHURCH

On the 3rd day of August, A.D. 1892, A.L 5892, was laid by M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers, brethren of Manitou Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., and other brethren, in accordance with the ancient usages of the fraternity which may God ever protect and prosper.

The scroll was placed in a tin box containing the current coins of Canada, copies of the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M., the By-laws of Manitou Lodge, No. 30, A.F. & A.M., various newspapers and public records, and having been deposited in a cavity beneath the stone, the corner stone was swung into position and properly placed, the Acting Grand Officers applied the implements of their offices and reported that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Acting Grand Officers then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and the Grand Master striking the stone three times with the trowel pronounced it to be well and truly laid.

The Grand Master was presented by the Building Committee with a handsome silver trowel, which was used during the laying of the corner stone.

The ceremony having been completed the benediction was pronounced, the procession was re-formed and returned to the lodge room and the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form.*

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Virden, Province of Manitoba, on Tuesday, the 16th day of August, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin [10].....Grand Master.
V.·. " " Rev. Henry L. Watts [43] .....as Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. " " Francis G. Lewin [35].....Grand Senior Warden
" " Herbert H. Goulter [43].....as Grand Junior Warden.
" Adam G. McDougall [43].....as Grand Treasurer.
" Lawrence G. Fraser [43].....as Grand Secretary.
" John D. McNiven [43].....as Grand Registrar.
" J. S. Johnstone .....as Grand Chaplain.
" Robert E. Trumbull [43]..... .... as Grand Senior Deacon.
" James Downs [43]..... .....as Grand Junior Deacon.
W.· " John Lane [39] . .....as Grand Dir. of Cer.
" James McDonald.....as Grand Organist.
" Thomas Frame [43] .....as Grand Steward.
" J. W. Higginbotham... .....as Grand Steward.
" William Mair Cushing .....as Grand Steward.
" G. T. Rogers..... .....as Grand Steward.
" Sidney E. Lang [43] ..... as Grand Pursuivant.
" Alpheus B. Buck [43] .....as Grand Tyler.

And brethren from the following lodges: Ancient Landmark, No. 3; Assiniboine, No. 7; Birtle, No. 39; Lebanon, No. 43, and Oak Lake, No. 44.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* at 4:30 o'clock p.m., by M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Virden Public School.

A procession in accordance with the regulations, as laid down in the Constitution was formed and marched from the lodge room to the site of the new building.

The Grand officers having taken their respective positions, the Acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing upon their labors, the Acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll, about to be deposited in the cavity beneath the stone.

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892.

And in the 56th year of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency, LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. JOHN SCHULTZ, Lieut.-Governor of the Prov. of Manitoba.

The Hon. JOHN J. C. ABBOTT, K. C., M. G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. THOS. GREENWAY, Premier of the Prov. of Manitoba.

M.·. W.·. Bro. DAVID JAMES GOGGIN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.·. W.·. Bro. FRANCIS GLADSTONE LEWIN, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. THOMAS ROBINSON, Grand Junior Warden.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. HENRY LONGFORD WATTS, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 7.

W.·. Bro. H. H. Goulter, W.·. M.·. Bros. Wm. M. Pineo, Senior Warden; Bro. J. D. McNiven, Junior Warden, of Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., Virden, Manitoba.

Hon. Thos. Greenway, Hon. C. Sifton, Hon. Jas. A. Smart, Hon. D. H. McMillan and Hon. D. McLean.

Members of the Department of Education, Manitoba.

The Most Rev. Robert Machray, D.D., L L.D.; The Rev. George Bryce, L L. D.; R. R. Cochrane, B.A.

D. J. Goggin, M.A.; J. D. Hunt, B.A., and D. H. McCalman, M.A.

Members of the Advisory Board of the Department of Education, Manitoba.

Sidney E. Lang, B.A., Inspector, Western District.

Robert Adamson, Mayor; A. G. McDougall, Clerk and Treas. Benj. Foster, W. Kennedy, Thomas Jones, and R. Bellamy, Councillors of the Town of Virden.

Rev. H. L. Watts, E. Fraser, and D. J. Thompson, Trustees of Virden School District, No. 144.

James Martin, Principal. Annie L. Miller, Teacher.

The Corner Stone

OF THE VIRDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL,

Was laid by R.·. W.·. Bro. David Jas. Goggin, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers, the brethren of Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., and other brethren, in accordance with the Ancient Usages of the Fraternity which may God ever protect and Prosper.

The scroll was deposited in a tin box placed in a cavity underneath the corner stone together with the current coins of Canada, copies of the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M., the By-laws of Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., the "Manitoba Free Press," "Tribune," "North-West Farmer," the "Virden Advance and Chronicle."

The Grand Master was then presented with a beautifully inscribed silver trowel, in acknowledging which he said that he appreciated the gift not as an honor to himself alone, but also to the Grand Lodge.

The stone having been swung into position was lowered by three drops, the Grand Officers applied the implements of their office and declared that the Craftsmen had performed their duty, the Grand Master completed the work by striking the stone three times with the trowel, and declared it to be well made and truly laid.

The stone was then consecrated by pouring upon it corn, wine and oil, as emblems of Plenty, Joy and Consolation.

At the conclusion of the ceremony eloquent speeches were delivered by the Grand Master and by Hon. D. McLean, Minister of Education.

The procession was then re-formed and marched back to the lodge room.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing the benediction was pronounced by the Acting Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* at 7 o'clock p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled at Maple Creek, Alberta, on Monday, June 5th, A. D. 1893, A. L. 5893, at 2.45 o'clock p.m.

OPENING.

The Special Communication was opened in *form* by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Acting Grand Master.

PRESENT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31))..... as Grand Master.
" " William Thomas Finlay (31) ..... as Deputy Grand Master.
" " Nelson Robert Wessel (31)..... as Grand Senior Warden.
" Francis Frederic Fatt (31)..... as Grand Junior Warden.
" Thomas Munty McKay (31) ..... as Grand Treasurer.
" Frank Goodwin (31)..... ..... as Grand Secretary.
" I. Dickson ..... as Grand Chaplain.
" Jacob Fleishman (31) ..... as Grand Senior Deacon.
" W. Lowe ——..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" Peter Robinson (31)..... as Grand Dir. of Cer.
" Daniel Pollock (31) ....as Grand Organist.
" Stephen Sprague Lloyd (31) ....as Grand Steward.
" W. H. Abraham —— .....as Grand Steward.
" G. A. Blair —— .....as Grand Steward.
" F. W. Martin ——.....as Grand Steward.
" William Nelson Adsit (31)... .....as Grand Tyler.

The R.·. W.·. Acting Grand Master informed the brethren that they were assembled in Special Communication for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Robertson Memorial (Presbyterian) Church, he having accepted the invitation of the Building Committee to lay the stone in accordance with the usages of our Ancient Craft.

A procession was then formed and marched to the site of the building. The Acting Grand Master having addressed the assembly, the Acting Grand Chaplain asked a blessing on the undertaking, and the Acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll, which was deposited in the cavity of the stone :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth

ON THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1893, A. L. 5893.

And in the 56th year of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

The EARL OF DERBY, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. JOSEPH ROYAL, Lieut.-Governor of the N. W. Territories.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

F. W. G. HAULTAIN, Representative in the N. W. Assembly.

M.·. W.·. Bro. DAVID JAMES GOGGIN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Grand Junior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, District Deputy Grand Master No. 9.

Rev. R. A. Munro, Pastor in Charge.

Wm. Lawrence, Architect.

John Lawrence, Sr., and Arthur B. Hasset, Elders.

The Corner Stone

OF THE ROBERTSON MEMORIAL CHURCH.

On the 5th of June, A.D. 1893, A. L. 5893, was laid by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, D.D.G.M. District No. 9, assisted by Acting Grand Officers from Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, and other brethren, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, whom may God ever protect and prosper.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited in the cavity copies of "The Calgary Herald," "The Medicine Hat Times," "The Leader (Regina), "The Standard" (Regina), and the "Manitoba Daily Free Press," also Canadian coins of various denominations,

The proper officers having applied the implements of their offices after the stone had been placed in position, it was declared that the Craftsmen had done their duty, and the Acting Grand Master finished the work by giving three knocks and saying: "Well made, truly laid, well paved, true and trusty," and consecrating it with corn, wine and oil, the emblems of Plenty, Joy and Consolation respectively.

In laying the corner stone the Acting Grand Master used a handsome silver trowel presented to him by the Rev. R. A. Munro, pastor in charge.

After the Grand Honors had been given and the impressive ceremony concluded addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Stephen, of Medicine Hat; Rev. R. A. Munro, of Maple Creek, and Rev. D. Cairns, formerly Methodist Minister at Maple Creek. Rev. R. A. Munro, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Herdman, of Calgary, delivered a short address, giving a brief history of the church.

The Acting Grand Officers and Brethren then returned to the Lodge room where the Acting Grand Master delivered an address. W.·. Bros. W. Barmwell, William T. Finlay and Nelson R. Wessel also addressed the brethren.

CLOSING.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
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Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Eighteenth Annual Communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Winnipeg, commencing on Wednesday, June 14th, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893, at 8.20 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	David James Goggin (10)	Grand Master.
"	"	"	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10)	as Deputy Grand Master.
R.	"	"	Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	Thomas Robinson (10)	Grand Junior Warden.
"	"	"	James G. Dagg (2)	D. D. G. M.
V.	"	"	Archibald St. Clair McGregor (11)	D. D. G. M.
"	"	"	James Edwin Maynard (40)	D. D. G. M.
"	"	"	Samuel Crawford Dinsmore (39)	D. D. G. M.
"	"	"	John McGuirl (35)	D. D. G. M.
R.	"	"	Thomas Tweed (31)	D. D. G. M.
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)	Grand Treasurer.
"	"	"	Wm. G. Scott (1)	Grand Secretary.
"	"	"	William Andrew Windatt (1)	Grand Registrar.
"	"	"	Rev. William John Garton (11)	Grand Chaplain.
V.	"	"	Byron Marcus Canniff (7)	Grand Senior Deacon.
R.	"	"	Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)	as Grand Junior Deacon.
		"	Robert Wilkinson (3)	Grand Organist.
V.	"	"	John Henry Miliner (8)	Grand Steward.
R.	"	"	John Leslie (1)	as Grand Pursuivant.
		"	John McBride (1)	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10). ..... Past Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Clark (25) ..... " "
" " " William George Bell (3).... .... " "
R. " " John W. Harris (4) .....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " James Henderson (3) ..... " " "
" " " Wm. George Scott (1) ..... " " "
" " " Simon Duffin (3) ....Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Roderick McQuaig (7)..... " " "
" " " Richard Dennis Foley (30) ..... " " "
" " " Alex. J. Belch (4).....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Fred. L. Newman (7).. ..... " " "
" " " John Leslie (1) ..... " " "
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25).....P.D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 1.
" " " William John Ptolemy [4] ..... " " "
" " " Charles Napier Bell [1] ..... " " "
" " " John Leslie [1] . ... " " "
" " " Albert Harrison Van Etten [3] .... " " "
" " " William Francis Ellis [30] ..... " " No. 4.
" " " James Leslie [14]..... ... . " " No. 5.
" " " Frank White Peters [10] ..... " " No. 7.
" " " Michael Collins [29] ..... " " No. 7.
" " " Duncan John Campbell [37] . ... " " No. 9.
" " " James Andrew Payne [4] .....P. G. Registrar.
" " " Robert White Woodroofe [1]..... " "
" " " Rev. Arthur William Goulding [12] Past Grand Chaplain.

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges.

Alabama..... .... R.·. W.·. Bro. James Leslie.
Arizona..... ..... " " " James Andrew Payne.
Arkansas... ..... " " " Roderick McQuaig.
California ..... " " " Frederick L. Newman.
Canada .. .. M. " " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
Delaware ..... R. " " Alexander James Belch.
Florida .... M. " " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
Illinois..... ... R. " " John Leslie.
Indian Territory ..... V. " " Donald Hope.
Ireland . ..... R. " " William George Scott.
Louisiana ..... V. " " James Johnson White.
Michigan .... R. " " John McKechnie.
Mississippi ..... M. " " William George Bell.
Nebraska ..... R. " " Richard Dennis Foley.
New Zealand..... R. " " Thomas Tweed.

New Hampshire	M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	David J. Goggin.
New Jersey	R.	"	"	William John Ptolemy.
New York	"	"	"	John Walter Harris.
North Carolina	"	"	"	Duncan John Campbell.
North Dakota		"	"	John Henry Munson.
Ohio	R.	"	"	Willard C. Copeland.
Peru	R.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell.
Prince Edward Island		"	"	John J. Jackson.
Quebec	R.	"	"	Robert White Woodroofe.
South Dakota	R.	"	"	Frederick Leslie Newman.
Vermont	V.	"	"	Robt. F. McTavish.
Virginia	R.	"	"	William Francis Ellis.
Wisconsin	"	"	"	Thomas Robinson.
Wyoming	"	"	"	Simon Duffin.

Past Masters.

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William George Scott (1)
V.	"	"	Joseph Hursell (1)
R.	"	"	John McKechnie (1)
R.	"	"	John Leslie (1)
	"	"	John J. Jackson (1)
R.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)
	"	"	Niven Agnew (1)
R.	"	"	Robert White Woodroofe (1)
	"	"	John Henry Munson (1)
	"	"	Joseph Greenfield (1)
R.	"	"	James George Dagg (2)
	"	"	Richard Henry Gilhuly (2)
	"	"	Lynds Smith Vaughan (2)
R.	"	"	James Henderson (3)
M.	"	"	William George Bell (3)
R.	"	"	Simon Duffin (3)
	"	"	George Edward Fulthorpe (3)
	"	"	Andrew McDiarmid (3)
R.	"	"	Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)
V.	"	"	Donald Hope (3)
	"	"	Andrew Schmidt (3)
R.	"	"	William Andrew Windatt (3)
R.	"	"	Alexander James Belch (4)
"	"	"	John Walter Harris (4)
"	"	"	William John Ptolemy (4)
"	"	"	James Andrew Payne (4)
	"	"	Alexander A. Aird (4)
	"	"	James Henry Braden (4)

R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman (7)
V. " " Byron Marcus Canniff (7)
R. " " Roderick McCuaig (7)
" " William James Cooper (7)
" " Thomas Tunbridge Bailey (7)
V. " " John Henry Miliner (8)
" " Robert Fairbairn McTavish (8)
" " George Elgin Laidlaw (9)
R. " " Thomas Robinson (10)
M. " " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10)
" " " David James Goggin (10)
" " Herman Joseph Eberts (10)
" " John Robert Grant (10)
R. " " Rev. William John Garton (11)
V. " " Archibald St. Clair McGregor (11)
R. " " Rev. Arthur W. Goulding (12)
" " Corbet Locke (13)
R. " " Byron Fraser (13)
" " Frederick William Holloway (13)
R. " " James Leslie (14)
" " William Drummond (24)
" " James Henry Davidson (24)
R. " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25)
V. " " James Alexander Carley (25)
" " Hyman Miller (25)
V. " " James Johnson White (25)
M. " " Thomas Clark (25)
R. " " William Francis Ellis (30)
" " " Richard Dennis Foley (30)
" " " Thomas Tweed (31)
R. " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)
V. " " John McGuirl (35)
R. " " Duncan John Campbell (37)
V. " " Samuel Crawford Dinsmore (39)
V. " " James Edwin Maynard (40)
" " Hascall Ransford (42)
" " Herbert Hanks Goulter (43)
" " Samuel R. English (44)
" " Rev. Hugh William Fraser (51)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton (11), Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by W.·. Bro. John Henry Munson (1), the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley (25), the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Seventeenth Annnal Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg on the 8th, 9th and 10th days of June A.L. 5892, A.D. 1892, copies of which were printed and forwarded to to the subordinate lodges, and the Minutes of the several Special Communications of the Grand Lodge entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book were taken as read and each therein confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bro. David James Goggin, then read his annual address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

I welcome you to the Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and pray that the Most High may guide us in our deliberations and so shape our decisions that they may further the highest interest of our beloved Order.

For your assistance, your courtesy, your hospitality and forbearance during a busy, anxious year, I heartily thank you.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

June 9th, last year, with an enthusaism unequalled in the history of the Grand Lodge and by a unanimous ballot, M.·. W.·. Bro. John William Henry Wilson was elected and installed Grand Master.

All knew that his health was failing; none knew that death was so near. Within a week he was unable to leave his room. July 19th he died. Those of us who had the sad privilege of visiting him during a painful illness, borne with "humility and resignation to the will of the G.A.O.T.U.," will always remember how, even in his last hours, the welfare of the Craft was in his heart and messages for its guidance upon his lips. His enthusiasm for Masonry was an inspiration to his brethren. His unselfish devotion to its highest interests won for him the esteem of all. All recognized in him the broad-minded man, the sympathetic friend, and public-spirited citizen.

His brethren, deeply mourning his loss, buried him with all honors and the lodges draped their charters, working tools and jewels in memory of the brother who had held so many positions in this Grand Lodge and had rendered it such signal service.

True friend, wise counsellor and zealous brother:

Fear no more the heat o' the sun,
Nor the furious winter's rages,
Thou thy worldly task has done,
Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages.

I have been advised of the deaths of the following distinguished Craftsmen in sister jurisdictions:

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McFadden Patton, P. G. M. of the G.L. of Oregon.
" " " Robert A. Quillian, " " " Colorado.
" " " Edwin Dwight Hillyer, " " " Kansas.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Henry Brown, P.G.M. of the G.L. of Kansas and Grand Secretary.

" " " Donald W. Bain, Grand Seererary of the G.L. of North Carolina for twenty-five years.

" " " Isaac B. Cumming, our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Selfless men and stainless gentlemen, the memories of their deeds are their enduring monuments. Our own heavy loss enables us to sympathize fully with our sister jurisdictions and I recommend that a place in our Proceedings be devoted to these distinguished dead.

At home we have lost brethren who though not called upon to be leaders in the Craft were nevertheless quietly and steadily doing effective Masonic work wherever opportunity offered and making our society more useful and more respected through their unselfish labor. The Grand Secretary has a list of these brethren and I recommend that suitable memorial pages in our Proceedings be set apart for them.

Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge.

July 1st, 1892—By command of M.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson I laid, on his behalf, the corner stone of the Freemasons' Hospital, at Morden, and on July 4th presented him, in the name of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, with a trowel suitably engraved.

July 10th, 1892—By command of M.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, M.·. W.·. Bro. Canon S. P. Matheson laid the corner stone of the St. Andrew's Anglical Church, at Deloraine.

July 21st, 1892—Funeral of M.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, at Portage la Prairie.

Aug. 3rd, 1892—I laid the corner stone of the Winram Memorial Church, Manitou, and was presented with a trowel suitably engraved.

Aug. 16th, 1892—I laid the corner stone of the Public School, Virden, and was presented with a trowel suitably engraved.

Apr. 10th, 1893—I dedicated the Masonic Hall, in Calgary, Alta., addressed the brethren at length and was banquetted by them at the close of my address.

June 5th, 1893—R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, D.D.G.M., at my request, laid the corner stone of the Angus Robertson Memorial Church at Maple Creek, and was presented with a trowel suitably engraved.

June 6th, 1893—I dedicated the Masonic Hall, in Moosomin, addressed the brethren at some length and was entertained at a banquet later.

VISITS.

Aug. 3rd, 1892 ..... Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden.
Nov. 5th, 1892 ..... Wascana Lodge, No. 23, Regina.
March 21st, 1893..... Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg.
March 27th, " ..... Joint Meeting of Lodges No. 1, No. 3, No. 4, No. 10, No. 25, in Winnipeg.
April 3rd, " ..... Brandon Lodge, No. 19, Brandon.
April 21st, " ..... Wascana Lodge, No. 23, Regina.
May 2nd, " ..... Moose Jaw, Lodge No. 26, Moose Jaw.
May 5th, " ..... Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, Medicine Hat.
May 16th, " ..... Edmonton Lodge, U. D., Edmonton.
May 26th, " ..... Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, Indian Head.

In attending these Emergent Communications and paying these visits I have travelled about 3,600 miles. At these meetings I have spoken somewhat fully upon the aims of Masonry as revealed in its ritual and have endeavored to show how these aims may be realized. I am persuaded that when our brethren see clearly what Masonry calls on them to do, what opportunities it offers for the betterment of the individual, the community, and the state, they will gladly avail themselves of suggestions for giving practical effect to its teachings.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been issued :

To wear regalia at divine service—

June 20, 1892.....Qu'Appelle Lodge, No 34.
June 20, " .....Spitzie Lodge, No. 45.
June 24, " .....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
June 25, " .....Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.
June 25 " .....Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3.
July 7, " .....Ashlar Lodge, No. 47.
July 29 " .....Wapananung Lodge, No. 46.
July 31, " .....Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7.
Dec. 17, " .....Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.
Dec. 23, " .....Battle Lodge, No. 38.
Dec. 27, " .....Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
Mar. 1, 1893.....Treherne Lodge, No. 51.
Mar. 31, " .....EdmontonLodge, U. D.

To hold special installation of officers :

July 23, 1892.....Spitzie Lodge, No. 45.
Jan. 5, 1893.....Treherne Lodge, No. 51.
Dec. 8, 1892.....Bow River Lodge, No. 28.
Dec. 6, " .....Manitou Lodge, No. 30.

To elect and install officers out of time—

Aug. 10, 1892.....Doric Lodge No. 36.
Jan. 5, 1893.....Temple Lodge, No. 49.

To initiate candidates from the Jurisdiction of other Lodges—

June 24, 1892.....King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.
July 7, 1893.....Glenboro Lodge, No 48.

To receive and act upon a petition for initiation within twelve months from date of rejection—

Feb. 20, 1893.....Corinthian Lodge, No. 15.
Mar. 21, 1893.....Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.
Mar. 21, " .....Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.

To confer a degree within the presented period :

June 2nd, 1893 .....Belmont Lodge, No 13.

To attend Conversazione :

Oct. 11, 1892.....Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3.
Nov. 12, " .....Glenwood Lodge, No. 27.
Dec. 22, " .....Neepawa Lodge, No. 24.

By-Laws Approved.

Killarney Lodge, No. 50; Wascana Lodge, No, 23; Bow River Lodge, No. 28; Corinthian Lodge, No. 15; Treherne Lodge, No. 51; Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31.

Amendments to By-Laws Approved.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42; Doric Lodge, No. 36.

It seems to me that the record of dispensations issued and By-laws approved should be submitted to Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary, who has to keep a list of them, rather than by the Grand Master.

Decisions.

There have been but two decisions given during the year that seem to me to call for special notice.

1. Request for authority to confer degrees upon a person who has been domiciled less than the prescribed period within the jurisdiction.

This person formerly resided in Manitoba, but later removed to Montana, and has made it his home. He is now visiting his parents here and intends to return to Montana in a few months. A Lodge asked for authority to give him the degrees in Masonry should he pass the ballot.

I refused the request saying : "This man has resided in Montana for two years, and when his present visit ends he returns to Montana to make it his home in the future. He is evidently Montana "material," and we are on friendly terms with that Grand Lodge. With us no Lodge may initiate a candidate whose

residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without the consent of that Lodge, and a dispensation of the Grand Master. I think Grand Lodge should treat its sister Grand Lodge in the same manner it requires one of its private Lodges to treat a sister private Lodge. The sole reason given for the request is that this man may save the difference between the Montana and the Manitoba entrance fees. Manitoba gains and Montana loses so much cash on Montana "material."

I should not care to take action on such a request without corresponding with the Grand Lodge of Montana, and I should still less care to ask the Grand Lodge of Montana to consent to such a proceeding for such a reason. The request is refused."

Healing.

I refused a request to heal a clandestinely made Mason, using the following language:

"It is very necessary to distinguish between the *irregularly* made Mason and the *clandestinely* made Mason. The former has been made in a legally constituted Lodge, but not in strict conformity with some of its laws. The latter has been made or is said to have been made in an illegally constituted body. The former may be healed; the latter, in my judgment, cannot. He is practically a profane, and must apply as such if he desires to become a Mason.

Mr. S. H——, having received so-called degrees in a body acknowledging the sovereignty of the spurious Grand Lodge of Ontario, is a clandestinely made mason and I must decline to heal him."

Conferring Degrees at the Request of Foreign Lodges.

Requests are occasionally made by Lodges in other jurisdictions to have one or more degrees conferred upon their members by our Lodges. Certain complications have arisen out of the slightly irregular action of one of our Lodges. To prevent similar errors I recommend that all such requests and the replies thereto be made through the Grand Secretaries of the respective jurisdictions.

Fraternal Relations.

Our fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges are most satisfactory. I have issued the following Commissions:

Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges.

R.·. W.·. Bro. C. W. Baldwin, near the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to replace R.·. W.·. Bro. John D. Caldwell, resigned.

R.·. W.·. Bro. H. C. Shepard, near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to replace R.·. W.·. Bro. I. B. Cummings, deceased.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Bobert Roberts, near the Grand Lodge of New York.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Abijah Wells, near the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Henry Feldwicke, near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

I received a letter in February from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania informing me that he had concluded to withdraw all his representatives near other Grand Masters as he believed such fraternal courtesy had "become superfluous and unnecessary, and that it practically subserves no recognized Masonic advantages." He adds, "Official communication between the several Grand Masters is carried on directly with each other under their private seal, or by and through the Grand Secretaries under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and the promptness of such communication is so well secured by railroads, posts and telegraphs, that the Representative of the Grand Master has no official duty whatever to perform." He concludes by expressing his earnest desire that our present cordial relations may continue in true Masonic spirit, a desire in which I most heartily join.

I have been formally notified of the withdrawal of R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott, who has represented Pennsylvania since 1879, and have received the resignation of V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner who has represented us since 1884. Many of the brethren will remember Bro. Wagner's visit to Winnipeg some years ago. All have read his reports, and it seems to me that we should acknowledge in some suitable manner our appreciation of the services which he has rendered this Grand Lodge.

Congress of Masons at Chicago.

I have received a communication from M.·. W.·. Bro. Crawford, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, informing me that the Congress of Masons will meet in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, August 14th, 1893, and assuring me of a most cordial welcome awaiting our representatives. I trust that this Grand Lodge will be well represented at the Congress as the discussion of important questions by many of the ablest Masons in the world must prove instructive as well as interesting.

Condition of the Craft.

An analyses of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters shows that there is a steady increase in our membership. Many Lodges have either forgotten or ignored Sec. 170 of the Constitution and have permitted brethren to owe considerable sums for dues. If the Worshipful Masters had obeyed the plain directions of the Constitution these dues would have beem paid, compromised or remitted within a definite period. I fear that some of the rulers of the Craft have not considered the terms of their obligations as Masters of private Lodges.

In the matter of insurance of lodge property there is still a lack of business prudence on the part of some. The books are in nearly every instance carefully kept. Our brethren seem to be fairly proficient in ritual and ceremonial.

I have to thank the D. D. G. M's of the various Districts for their reports and assistance. The statements of these officers are growing more frank and more serviceable each year. I cannot refrain, however, from saying that I

think the D. D. G. M. of District No. 7, has allowed his Masonic zeal to get the better of his discretion in his dealings with Brandon Lodge, No. 19. His absence from this Jurisdiction for some months explains why there is no statistical report from his district. I recommend that the rank of R.·. W.·. P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on each of these brethren.

Applications for the formation of new Lodges at Maple Creek, Grenfell, and Gretna are now before me, and brethren in the vicinity of Red Deer, Innisfail and Olds have consulted me respecting the formation of Lodges in these growing towns during the autumn. It is very gratifying to see these evidences of interest in Masonry.

Brethren, we have added 150 names to our roll this year. Our ritual and ceremonial work and our methods of business are perhaps more satisfactory than at any former period. These are useful means to great ends, but perfection in these may indicate a soulless Phariseeism. I do not despise them or even belittle them when I say that they are not the essence of Masonry. I desire now to plead for the spirit rather than the form, for the practice rather than the profession.

Masonry is a system of morality. It teaches by allegory and symbol and direct instruction the duties that a man owes to himself, his neighbor, his state and his God and it proposes to show him how he may put its teachings into practice. Our degrees call on us to aim at blameless purity of life and conduct, to study the Bible so as to learn our duty towards God, our neighbor and ourselves, to discharge our duties as citizens, and to carry forward our study of the liberal arts and sciences, a knowledge of which, not only polishes and adorns the mind, but enables a man to earn a living for himself and those dependent upon him. This is the real work of Masonry and its success or failure must be measured by what it accomplishes along these lines.

How far are our Lodges directly attempting to do what they profess to do? How far do we as individual Masons, as Lodges of Masons, deliberately set ourselves to learn these several duties and teach them to our brethren? Do we ever have addresses delivered to our brethren setting forth the duties that a man owes to state, e. g., voting, tax-paying, etc.; the duties that a man owes to himself, e.g., purity in speech and act, etc.; the duties that a man owes to his fellows, e.g., social duties, duties of justice, and of charity, etc.? Are we affording opportunities for the study of those liberal arts and sciences which tend to polish and adorn the mind?

Are we to be content with that narrow interpretation of charity which confines it to pecuniary assistance, or are we to give it its real interpretation, that interpretation which our rituals, when intelligently examined always reveal—help given to man in all his relations—help, socially, morally, intellectually and pecuniarily?

Will anyone assert that these duties are clearly and fully understood by all of our members, or that a clear knowledge of one's duty is not a help towards the proper discharge of that duty?

Let us see what has been done in this matter. A number of our Lodges have attended divine service "to learn their duty towards God."

Winnipeg Lodges are voting $25 each per annum to establish a general library in connection with their present excellent reading room. Bow River Lodge No. 28, is establishing a reading room in its commodious new hall. Ancient Landmark has had a number of lectures on travels, etc., given at stated intervals to its members and their wives, children and friends. Many of the Lodges have had evenings devoted to the hearing of good music. Thus to a limited extent has instruction been afforded in some of those liberal arts "that tend to polish and adorn the mind."

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, has its Freemasons' Hospital, a well-equipped institution, as evidence of its devotion to another phase of masonic work. Glenwood's conversazione made Brandon Hospital richer by $150. The managers of the Children's Home in Winnipeg have evidence that their brethren in that city do not forget the orphan in distress. An examination of our statistical tables will show, for I have not time to go into further detail, how much help in this way has been given by brethren "who cheerfully embrace the opportunity of practising that virtue which every Mason professes to admire."

None of us shall ever know how many individual Masons through lonely watches by the bedside of suffering, in comforting words and helpful deeds to the widow and the orphan, in speaking no guile of absent ones, no nor in listening to it, have found their own characters thereby purified, strengthened, uplifted, and have come to really understand how Masonry preaches a high morality, veiled in deeds of truest worth, and illustrated by acts of ennobling unselfishness.

All these movements are satisfactory so far as they go, but it does not seem to me that we are making an organized, intelligent endeavor to do something along each line of work which we profess, in our ritual at least, to undertake. When I endeavor to account for an average attendance of members somewhat under 40 per cent., and a large body of non-affiliates, I find myself striving to answer the question: What is there in many a Lodge to bring an intelligent man there evening after evening? When we add to correct ritual, exact ceremonial, and prompt business methods, instruction of the nature I have already described, I am persuaded this question will never be asked.

When we deliberately set ourselves to give instruction in those duties that men owe to themselves, their fellows, their state and their God, when we teach Geometry as understood by Masons, when we have lectures on the poets, musicians, dramatists, travellers and historians whose works "tend to polish and adorn the mind," when we have our "hospital evenings" for public charities—our private charities will be done so that the left hand shall not know what the right hand doeth—then we shall be doing what we profess to do and our Lodge room shall be crowded with intelligent Masons, good citizens, and good men.

Are there not men in every community who will consider such work a pleasure, a privilege and a duty? Cannot a committee at each centre so plan this work that from October till April, at least, each community shall find its social, moral and intellectual life affected by streams of beneficent influences having their sources in our Lodge rooms? Is Freemasonry to-day a living organism or only a beautiful theory?

Brethren, if we do what Masonry calls on us to do, do what we obligate ourselves to do, do what we profess to do, there is no other single organization of human origin on the face of God's fair earth to-day more truly capable of helping forward that time—

When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted
The whole world shall be lighted
As Eden was of old.

Be it the duty as it is the privilege of Masons who recognize no country, no party and no creed to so live their system of morality as to benefit all countries, all parties and all creeds, and so hasten that day when the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall everywhere be recognized and all nations shall be one! So mote it be.

D. J. GOGGIN,

Grand Master.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley (25), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District Number One.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, respectfully reports as follows :

I have much pleasure in testifying to the utmost good feeling that exists among the brethren in this district, there not being one complaint to adjust during my term of office. It is specially gratifying that there has been an increase in membership during the year and that the quality of the new membership is excellent.

In the Lodges throughout the District I find a great number of brethren over one year in arrears for dues. Many of the Lodges do not adhere to the requirements of the Constitution relating to dues as rigidly as they should.

In most of the lodges the work is fairly well done but there seems to be a great lack of familiarity with the ritual in some. I found only one Lodge that apparently used the new ritual while some of the others appeared to be working according to different rituals, so there was a great lack of uniformity in the "work." To successfully remedy this I think it advisable to have some well skilled brethren appointed to hold Lodges of Instruction when all defects in the conferring of degrees can be pointed out and rectified.

There is a general complaint about the neglect of Past Masters in taking an active interest in the affairs of the Lodges. They rarely attend the Lodges except when some Grand Lodge officer is present or upon other important occasions. I think the formation of a Past Masters' Association for the District would have a beneficial effect and help to stimulate to greater interest those who have become indifferent.

Visits.

I purposely deferred visiting the Lodges until late in the Masonic year so as to give the newly elected officers an opportunity of becoming familiar with the work.

I visited Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, on April 18, and found a largely attended meeting. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by W.·. Bro. George M. Lang, W.M., assisted by a splendid staff of officers, each showing very careful preparation of the part he had to take. The officers of this Lodge are all young men who seem to take special delight in keeping up the excellent record of their predecessors.

On May 1st I visited Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, officially and found the officers, working the new ritual. The officers of this Lodge, with the Past Master, have frequent rehearsals which tend to make their work more perfect. It is as impressive to the spectator as to the candidate to see W.·. Bro. Robert Moncrieff, W. M., confer a degree. This Lodge has commenced the formation of a library and has purchased a number of the best works on Masonry. This is the only Lodge in this District, outside of Winnipeg, that has a library, and if this example should be imitated by others good results would soon follow.

I visited Emerson Lodge, No. 6, Emerson, on April 27th, and although a number of the brethren were busy protecting their properry from the flood, there was a fair attendance. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred by W.·. Bro. J. W. Macdonald, W. M., who was placed at a disadvantage owing to the absence of a number of his officers. This Lodge has several efficient Past Masters who take an active interest in its prosperity. Emerson Lodge, No. 6, has a reputation for good work.

On May 2nd I visited King Solomon Lodge, No. 8, Morris, and found the brethren very comfortably situated in their new hall which they had recently purchased. The hall is very neatly furnished and fitted up, the members of the Lodge having devoted much time to the work. W.·. Bro. M. Lawrie, W.·. M.·. and W.·. Bro. R. F. McTavish, P. M., conferred the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason's degrees in a creditable manner, but a lack of familiarity with the work was shown by the other officers which militated against the impressiveness of the ceremonies. During the past year there has been a considerable increase in the membership, and as the brethren are enthusiastic the lodge is sure to prosper.

Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, Winnipeg, was visited on May 9, on which occasion there was a large attendance of members and visitors. An examination of the register indicated that the large attendance on the occasion of my visit was not exceptional. The W.·. Master W.·. Bro. John Chambers presided, and in addition to being an excellent presiding officer he, with the assistance of a splendid staff of officers, conferred the degrees in a very creditable manner. During the year the Lodge has given several social entertainments which has had a tendency to greatly increase the interest in the Lodge and its popularity with the members.

On May 11th I visited Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, Winnipeg. There was a small attendance and several of the officers chairs were filled by Past Masters. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by W.·. Bro. George

W. Baker, W. M., but owing to the absence of the proper officers, he was somewhat handicapped. This Lodge is increasing in membership, but an examination of the registrar reveals the fact that the attendance at the meetings is not so large as it should be, considering the large membership. The Lodge has good officers and with a little application on their part it would, no doubt, soon be prosperous.

I visited Stonewall Lodge, No. 12, on May 30th, when a goodly number of members were present. There was no work to do and consequently I did not have an opportunity of seeing the officers confer a degree but judging by the manner in which the Lodge was opened and closed, and the fact that the R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. A. W. Goulding has filled the W. Master's Chair for three successive years, I am justified in concluding that the work is up to the standard. This Lodge owns the building in which it holds its meetings and has a surplus of $500 in the bank so that it is, financially, the most prosperous lodge in the District. Although the membership is small the brethren are all enthusiastic, and I have no doubt the lodge will grow. Owing to my being called home the evening I came to Winnipeg to visit St. John's Lodge, No. 4, I was unable to visit this lodge officially. I was also unable to visit Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Winnipeg, owing to pressing business engagements.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. G. DAGG,

D.D.G.M. District Number One.

District Number Two.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, respectfully reports as follows :

I am pleased to report that Freemasonry in this District continues in a satisfactory condition and peace and harmony prevail.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District and found them all fairly efficient and able to do good work.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, Portage la Prairie.

I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting on March 15th, and found the Lodge thoroughly efficient in every particular. The officers are able and well-skilled, and the members courteous and attentive. The books of the Lodge are models of neatness and reflect great credit on the very efficient secretary, Bro. A. Bowman. There being no candidates for degrees the officers exemplified the

Master Mason's degree in a manner that indicated they were perfect masters of the ritual. The large amount of arrears of dues in this Lodge is caused by the financial depression prevailing, and is only temporary, and it is expected that the greater part will be paid shortly. The finances of the Lodge are in good condition and the prospects good. Since my visit, this Lodge has secured a more commodious hall, which will add to the comfort of the members and result in a larger attendance at the meetings.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, Gladstone.

I attended most of the meetings of this Lodge during the year, and witnessed all the degrees conferred on two candidates. I visited the Lodge officially on August 2, 1892, and March 28th, 1893. The Lodge is in a good financial condition, and has fair prospects. The officers are efficient and able to confer all the degrees correctly. The books are neatly and correctly kept by W.·. Bro. John Ferguson, a careful and painstaking secretary. This Lodge has sustained a great loss in the removal to Emerson of the W.·. Master R.·. W.·. Bro. W. J. Garton, whose zeal for Masonry, and interest in his Lodge, was constant and unflagging.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, Neepawa.

I visited this Lodge on August 3rd, 1892, and again on March 1st, 1893. On the occasion of my first visit the Lodge was under the care of R.·. W.·: Bro. John A. Davidson as W. Master. I found everything in first-class condition. The enthusiasm among the brethren and the revival of interest in the Lodge showed clearly the zeal with which the R.·. W.·. Bro. performed his duty to the Lodge, ably seconded by W.·. Bro. J. H. Davidson, and W.·. Bro. A. R. Graham. To the untiring efforts of these brethren is in a great measure due the revival of interest which has taken place in the Lodge. On the occasion of my second visit I found a new staff of officers, with W.·. Bro. W. J. Hamilton as W. Master. The new officers are full of energy and zeal and while somewhat diffident in the presence of Grand Lodge Officers they are fully able to confer all the degrees. I conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on two candidates. The financial condition of the Lodge is good and the books are perfect models of neatness. The present Secretary, Bro. A. Lowe, is a treasure to the Lodge. I intended to have visited this Lodge at its last meeting but was unable to do so on account of sickness. This Lodge has excellent prospects.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, McGregor.

I visited this Lodge on March 16th and found the officers fairly efficient. The exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree by W.·. Bro. D. McLean was one of the best renderings of the ritual I ever heard ; it was perfect. The officers can also confer the Fellow Craft Degree, but assistance from Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, is invoked when the Master Masons Degree is to be conferred, and is always cheerfully given. The officers are qualifying themselves for their several parts by meeting for practice and the W. Master's painstaking effort to instruct

them is worthy of commendation. If they persevere in the zeal manifested by them at the time of my visit my successors will find them thoroughly efficient. The books are well kept but at the time of my visit the Secretary's work was behind ; I have since learned that they are in first-class order. On the occasion of my visit to the Lodge I was accompanied by R.·. W.·. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, who delivered a lengthy addresss to the brethren on Lodge matters, and gave them much good advice which was evidently appreciated. The Secretary of the Lodge has not sent the statistical information required for the report so that I am unable to complete it. This District mourns the loss by death of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master and two other brethren. Suitable reference to the departed brethren will no doubt be made by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

My thanks are due the brethren of this District for their courteous treatment of me during my term of office and to R.·. W.·. Bros. Roderick McCuaig and P. St. Clair McGregor who accompanied me on two of my visits.

Trusting that my successor may be accorded like treatment from the brethren and praying that the G.A.O.T.U. may bless all laudable undertakings of the fraternity in this District I will close my report.

Fraternally submitted,

ARCH. ST. CLAIR McGREGOR.
D. D. G. M., District Number Two.

District Number Three.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3, reports as follows, viz :

I herewith present my report for the year 1892 and 1893, and in doing so have much pleasure in stating that Freemasonry in this District continues in a satisfactory condition and is progressing favorably.

Oakland Lodge, No. 9, Carman.

Being a member of this Lodge I have attended all meetings held during the year and am much pleased to be able to report that the difficulties which have for years retarded the progress of this Lodge have happily passed away, and the prospects for the future are as bright as could be desired. W.·. Bro. W. J. Hemenway, W. M., and Bro. Fred. Starkey, Secretary, are determined to make a record this year which will place the future of Oakland beyond a doubt.

I visited this Lodge officially on Tuesday, 6th September, 1892, on the occasion of the removal into a new and commodious hall, and with the assistance of W.·. Master, and members present, dedicated their new home to the uses of the Craft. I again visited this Lodge officially on the 27th December, 1892, and installed the officers. The books of this Lodge are well kept and present a very creditable appearance.

GLENBORO LODGE, No. 48, GLENBORO.

I arranged an official visit to this Lodge for 7th March, 1893, but on my arrival there I found the Wardens were both absent, the Senior Warden being engaged in his duties as clerk of the county court, then in session, and the Junior Warden being in Winnipeg attending to his duties as a member of the Provincial Legislature. On account of the absence of these officers the meeting was unavoidably postponed, much to my disappointment. However, I went over the books and found them well written up and presenting a very creditable appearance and showing attention and care on the part of the officers in charge.

TREHERNE LODGE, No. 51, TREHERNE.

Having received the authority from the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, on July 26th, 1892, I proceeded to Treherne and constituted this Lodge in *form* and installed the officers. I found this Lodge in very fair condition, the lodge room small but comfortable. The officers are well up in their work, the books well kept, and everything running smoothly. On March 4th, 1893, this Lodge made application for dispensation to appear in regalia at Divine Worship, on Sunday, the 12th of March. As the request was made in accordance with the Constitution the required dispensation was granted. On the 19th of July, 1892, I received a telegram from the Grand Secretary, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of our M.·. W.·. Grand Master. I immediately notified the several Lodges in my Jurisdiction to pay the proper respect to the memory of our departed Brother, by draping the charters, working tools and jewels for sixty days.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the District for the honor conferred in electing me their D.D.G.M. and for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my official term.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK D. STEWART,
D. D. G. M., District Number Three.

District Number Four.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 4, respectfully reports as follows :

In submitting my report as D.D.G.M. for District No. 4, I am pleased to be able to state to Grand Lodge that I visited each of the Lodges within my District, and also it affords me pleasure to say that peace and harmony prevail amongst the members of the various Lodges.

Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Killarney.

I was instructed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to constitute and instal the officers of this Lodge, which I did on July 29, 1892, ably assisted by W.·. Bro. C. A. Young, of Deloraine Lodge. This Lodge has a suitable hall, which is very well furnished, and has a good set of books. There were sixteen members present. I found the officers well-skilled in their work. I gave an address on Freemasonry in general. W.·. Bro. Young also gave them a very instructive address. I also made an official visit to this Lodge on 26th May, 1893, and am sorry to have to report that it has not made much progress during the year. The W.·. M.·. conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree in a very creditable manner. I then gave the lecture in the Entered Apprentice and Master Masons degrees, and also exemplified the work in these degrees. I found the books neatly and correctly kept.

Doric, No. 36, Boissevain.

I visited this Lodge on the 24th of June to instal the officers, but I found that the election was illegal. A special dispensation was granted and the election and installation took place on the 17th of August, when I was present. After installing the officers I gave an address on Masonry, and the lecture in the Entered Apprentice degree. I again visited the Lodge in September when I found it working very satisfactorily. The W.·. M.·. was ably assisted by the officers and Past Master of the Lodge. I conferred the Master Mason degree on two candidates, and fully exemplified the work in that degree. I had much pleasure in meeting W.·. Bros. Corbet Locke and Bro. Rev. Walton, of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, at this meeting. I again visited this Lodge officially on the 26th April. I found the Lodge still working well and in a prosperous condition. I exemplified the work in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and gave the lectures on the tracing boards in the Entered Apprentice and Master Masons degrees. I found the books neatly and correctly kept.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13.

I visited this Lodge on the 27th April and found a good attendance. The W.·. M.·. and officers are well up in their work. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke exemplified the Master Mason's degree in an excellent manner. Bro. George Ashdown also gave the lecture in the Entered Apprentice degree in a very creditable manner. I then gave the lecture on the Master Mason's degree. I found the books neatly and correctly kept. I cannot close my report on this Lodge without expressing my thanks to W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke for his kindness and courtesy in showing me through the Freemasons' Hospital. This is an institution that every Mason in the Province should feel proud of, and W.·. Bro. Locke deserves the thanks of the fraternity at large for his energy and zeal in bringing this great undertaking to a successful completion.

Oriental Lodge, U.D.

Acting under your instructions I constituted this Lodge on the 9th of March, and was agreeably surprised to find the members in a very good Lodge room, which is well furnished. The W.·. M.·. and officers are well-skilled. I was accompanied by W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton and Bros. Patterson and Houston, of Deloraine Lodge, No. 40. After giving them some advice as to the management of a new Lodge able addresses were given by the brethren from Deloraine Lodge. After the business of the evening was ended refreshments were provided and a very enjoyable evening was spent. I visited this Lodge officially on the 25th of May, and found the Lodge working well, the officers doing their work thoroughly. I saw the Fellow Craft's degree conferred. I gave an address on Masonry, also the lecture on the Tracing Board in the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's Degrees and would recommend that the Lodge be granted a charter. I examined the books and found them well kept and in accordance with the Constitution.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, Deloraine.

This being the Lodge of which I am a member, I have attended every meeting excepting when on official visits to other Lodges in my jurisdiction. I also made two official visits. The work is well done. The Worshipful Master, officers and all the Past Masters are well up in their work, and always ready and willing to give assistance. I have seen the Worshipful Master confer several degrees, and I think he is to be congratulated on the excellence of his work which, I must say, is second to none in the District. The books are in excellent order, being neatly and correctly kept.

Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Manitou.

I visited this Lodge officially on the 28th of April, and found a good attendance, and as there was very little work on hand I had a good opportunity of giving the brethren present considerable instruction in the three Degrees, also the

lecture on the tracing boards. I found the Senior and Junior Wardens well posted and find that they take great interest in their work. As the Worshipful Master was not feeling well I did not ask him to exemplify the work in any of the Degrees, although on inquiry I find that he is quite capable of doing so. I examined the books and found them neatly and correctly kept.

I find that in every Lodge in this District candidates for advancement are required to be thoroughly posted in the former degree, and have to repeat their obligation before advancement. During my term of office I have not seen a candidate advanced that was not proficient.

RE PILOT MOUND OR PEMBINA LODGE, NOW EXTINCT.

I beg to state that in reference to the furniture and assets of this Lodge, I went to Pilot Mound and interviewed W.·. Bro. Fraser, who informed me that the regalia and working tools were not purchased by the funds of the Lodge but were bought by private subscription. He considered that the Grand Lodge was not entitled to them under the circumstances, as they belong to the private members who bought them.

In my report of the different Lodges I have not mentioned the financial standing of any, as I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary the statistical report for the year, received from each Lodge. In conclusion I beg to thank the R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary for the courtesy he at all times extended to me and his ever readiness in answering all communications. I also thank the brethren who elected me to this honorable position, and I can bespeak for my successor the same kind consideration at the hands of the brethren that has been extended to me during my term of office. I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may continue to preserve our Order by cementing and adorning it with every moral and social virtue.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES EDWARD MAYNARD,
D. D. G. M., District No. 4.

District Number Five.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master, for District No. 5, respectfully reports as follows :

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 14, MINNEDOSA.

I had arranged to visit this Lodge at its regular meeting in April but was prevented owing to sickness and the bad state of the roads. I requested the W.·. Master to call a special meeting on Friday, April 19th, 1893. I got as far as Rapid City where I was detained on account of a severe storm. I drove to Minnedosa the following day and called on a number of the members, and examined the books and found them well kept and the financial standing of the Lodge satisfactory.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 15, RAPID CITY.

I visited this Lodge at the regular meeting on May 2nd, 1893, when about twelve members were present. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred on two candidates in a very satisfactory manner. The brethren are very proficient in the work of opening and closing in the various degrees. The books are well kept and the Lodge is in a sound financial condition.

BIRTLE LODGE, No. 39, BIRTLE.

As I am a member of this Lodge I did not consider it necessary to make an Official visit, having attended nearly all the regular meetings during the year. This lodge has been working under difficulties since its organization there being no suitable hall in which to hold its meetings, but I am pleased to report that this difficulty is about to be overcome as a new hall is being secured. There has been a marked improvement in the work, and a satisfactory increase in the membership ; the financial standing of the Lodge is good. The books are well and correctly kept and the Lodge is on a sound basis.

Fraternally submitted,

S. C. DINSMORE,
D. D. G. M. District Number Five.

District Number Six.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6, respectfully reports as follows :

KINISTINO LODGE, NO. 16, PRINCE ALBERT.

As I am a member of this Lodge I have attended most of the meetings during the past year, but also officially visited the Lodge on the 26th inst.

From the statistical report submitted it will be evident that no progress is being made in Masonry in this place. The total membership is less, and financially the Lodge is not in the condition it should be. Some of the books are well kept, others the officers did not seem to know were in existence. Apart from this also, the esoteric work of the Lodge has for some time, and especially at my official visit, been done in such a careless way as to compel me to severely reprimand the officers. A state of lethargy is taking possession of the officers and brethren, which, if allowed to continue, will, more even than want of harmony, prevent the existence of a successful Lodge. Too frequently brethren strive for or accept office, and their ambition being gratified, forget their responsibilities, and by irregular attendance or apathy work incalculable injury. Another cause for the unsatisfactory state of affairs here, and a cause probably that applies to more lodges than this one, is the getting out of touch with Grand Lodge. Although Kinistino Lodge is one of the oldest on the Register, no Grand Lodge officer other than a District Deputy Grand Master, who has generally been a member of this Lodge, has ever visited here. Owing to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge being always held in Winnipeg, seldom has any officer of this Lodge been able to attend the meetings ; and again, the Lodge is associated in a District with Battleford only, a lodge working under a different ritual, and a place now almost less accessible, so far as time is concerned, than Winnipeg itself. I have confidence in the Masonic zeal of the present Worshipful Master to warrant me in saying that a little help and encouragement will soon place Kinistino Lodge on a very different footing, and as a means to this would respectfully suggest more frequent visits of Grand Lodge officers, the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, the occasional holding of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at some central portion of the Territories, where more of the country lodges would be represented, also a re-construction of the District, for if associated, say, with District No. 9, more good would result from Deputy District Grand Master's visits, who, as things are at present, is visiting either their own Lodge or a Lodge whose ritual they know little of, and in this connection I feel constrained to say that the question of the authorized use of a double ritual is a most serious one and I believe firmly that Lodges will be kept asunder and Masonry suffer, until one ritual, and one ritual only, will be recognized.

BATTLE LODGE, No. 38, BATTLEFORD.

I had the pleasure of officially visiting this Lodge on June 8th, 1893. At this meeting there were few of the brethren present. No degrees were conferred but what work I did see was well done. I inspected the books and found some of them well kept ; others have not been written up for some time but I expect this neglect will soon be remedied. The Worshipful Master is an enthusiastic Mason and I am hopeful that, under his care, the Lodge will soon be in a more prosperous condition. They have a fairly comfortable lodge room and, financially, are in a good condition.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH U. BAIN,
D.D.G.M., District Number Six.

District Number Seven.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master, of District No. 7, respectfully reports as follows :

Impressed with the dignity and importance of the office into which I have been placed by this noble Order and this august Grand Lodge, and also with the fact that mere slipshod work in the execution of the duties connected with that office would render it practically a dead letter, more ornamental than useful, and consequently bring discredit upon this Grand Lodge, I have endeavored to the best of my ability, to do my duty, censuring severely where it was necessary, praising that which was good and correcting, as far as lay in my power, that which was wrong. I realized the fact that I could not possibly become acquainted with the brethren of the District and consequently with the condition of Masonry, without two things :

I. Correspondence with the Lodges.

II. Personal acquaintance.

Both of these, I am happy to say, I have had. I regret that the unusual severity of the last winter, illness at home, and absence in England, have prevented my visiting each Lodge in the District twice during my term of office, as was my original intention. For this, and all other omissions I humbly ask the leniency of this Grand Lodge.

I cannot refrain from expressing my sorrow at the loss sustained by this Grand Lodge in the death of our Grand Master, a loss which will be deeply felt in the deliberations of this and future sessions of Grand Lodge. Still it is our earnest hope that that Celestial Grand Lodge above has received one more member within its doors.

On entering upon my official duties I found that every Lodge in District No. 7 was lax in the sending of notices of meetings to the Grand Officers, as required by the Constitution, Section 226, and demanded prompt conformity with the same with the result that as far as I, personally, have been concerned there has been perfect obedience in that respect.

I wish here to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that the dues in all lodges in this District are not paid up as they should be, and though all the lodges are in a good state financially (one excepted), still the finances might be much better if the laws of the Grand Lodge were enforced according to the Constitution, Section 170.

During the past year a regalia has been purchased for the D.D.G.M. of District No. 7.

I must take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of the District for the great kindness and courtesy extended to me on the occasions of my visit to them and can assure them that very pleasant memories will ever be retained of the hospitality and good will shown to me.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden.

On June 24th, 1892, I paid my first official visit to this Lodge, of which I have the honor of being a member, and installed the officers. Knowing that abundant opportunities would be given me of examining the books, I confined myself to the proficiency of the officers elected. The W.·. M.·. Bro. H. H. Goulter conferred the Third Degree in a perfect and most impressive manner, and he was ably assisted in his duties by the wardens and deacons. I then addressed the Lodge and examined all the brethren, as to their posting, in open Lodge. Masonry is thoroughly alive in Virden and the three great Masonic virtues, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are practised in deed as well as in word. On Aug. 16th the Grand Master visited Virden for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Public School. This was, I believe, the largest Special Communication of Grand Lodge, there being over fifty brethren present.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29, Carberry.

I visited this Lodge on October 4th. I found the books neatly and carefully kept and to all appearances correct. The dues were well paid up on the whole but I drew the attention of the Lodge to some of the delinquents and

asked for a strict observance of the Constitution, Page 52, Sec. 212, and requested it to be read in open Lodge at the next regular meeting. The rough minutes were not read regularly.

The brethren have changed their Lodge room to their advantage. I instructed them in the proper mode of ballotting and suggested that a new ballot box should be procured. I requested the M.·. W.·. to open and close the Lodge, which he did. The work is far from perfect. The second degree was conferred fairly well, but little impression was, I fear, left. I cautioned the officers against advancing any candidate unless he showed faultless proficiency in the former degree. The sharp criticism by M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, of this Lodge, has had beneficial effects. This Lodge possesses a good array of Past Masters and ought to be better—in fact, better things are expected.

Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44, Oak Lake.

I drove to Oak Lake to pay this Lodge an official visit on October 6th. I was far from well at the time and was unable to be present the whole of the meeting. I examined the books and found them in an unsatisfactory state. There were no minutes of several preceding communications, consequently the historical record of the Lodge is broken. I made searching enquiry into the matter and found that it was caused by the illness of the Secretary which, I regret to state, terminated fatally. The finances of this Lodge are in a very satisfactory state, taking all things into consideration. There are, however, quite a number of delinquents and I requested compliance with the Con stitution. This has been done, I am informed. At my request the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, in an efficient and impressive manner, leaving but little to be desired. Being personally acquainted with W.·. Bro. John Taylor I feel sure, from what I know of him, that the Order is in good hands in Oak Lake. It is a matter of regret that the brethren are so scattered and they are deserving of praise at the manner in which they attend. The W.·. M.·. lives 15 miles from the Lodge room.

It was a pleasure to hear that the Lodge room was to be improved in size, and appearance.—There was ample scope.

I felt the greatest pleasure at the warm reception in this Lodge and can but express my regret at my inability to avail myself of the hospitality provided.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris.

I visited this Lodge under circumstances which, while not permitting inspection of work, proved that Masonry's star is in the ascendant. The date was Nov. 15th. I was met at the station by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. C. Stoyte and several others and we were driven over to the town where it seemed as if all the brethren from every Lodge around had congregated. It was a right royal reception.—I appeal to the Doctor.

The circumstances were the opening of a Public Hall, and a Masonic Concert in aid of the Brandon Hospital.

I inspected the lodge room and think that Souris might have something better. The books are well kept and there is a goodly balance to their credit at the Bank. Masonry here is in a flourishing state. My visit to Glenwood Lodge will be a red letter day in my mental calendar. The concert was a complete success, financially and otherwise, and Brandon Hospital has to thank the Masons of Souris, for over $150, I believe.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19, Brandon.

I visited this Lodge, on Dec. 29th, 1892, officially. I am at a loss how to express myself with regard to Masonry in Brandon.

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I visited this Lodge a second time on Feb. 7th, and delivered a lecture on Masonic symbolism and also exemplified the lecture on the Tracing Board, with the aid of a lantern. The attendance was poor and the least said the better.

Hartney Lodge, U. D., Hartney.

I made several attempts to visit this Lodge but the severe weather prevented my doing so for some time. However, I succeeded on March 23rd in visiting the Hartney brethren, officially. This Lodge has among its members a number of Masonic enthusiasts. The material is good and there is every prospect of a bright future for this young Lodge. The books are neatly kept and the financial standing good. The Lodge room will stand improvement, but all is decent and in order.

The W.·. M.·., S. W. and J. W. were not present and I was compelled to open and close the Lodge myself. The W.·. M.·. and J. W. were both in town but didn't care to come up. I asked for an apology to the slight offered to this Grand Lodge by their non-attendance without any excuse, save that the Lodge could get on very well without them.

Charges of incompetence, etc., have been brought against the above officers.

The fourth degree was conferred in a highly satisfactory manner.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden.

I paid another official visit to this Lodge, by request, on March 28th, when I was presented with a very handsome solid gold Past Master's Jewel by the officers and members of this Lodge. I need hardly say that this visit brought forth highly complimentary remarks.

My absence in England has prevented my paying a second official visit to each Lodge, and I had hoped to find a vast improvement in all branches of the work.

During my term of office I have recommended the following dispensations :

June 26th.—Brandon Lodge, No. 19, to wear regalia at divine service.

August 9th—Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, to wear regalia at laying of foundation stone of public school.

Nov. 9th.—Glenboro Lodge, No. 27, to wear regalia at opening of public hall and Masonic concert.

Dec. 20th.—Carberry Lodge, No. 29, to install officers otherwise than on proper date.

I must extend my hearty thanks to the valuable assistance rendered me by M.·. W.·. Bro. James a Ovas, R.·. W.·. Bros. Alexander Burns, John Colwell, J. C. Stoyte, and W.·. Bros. Simpson, H. H. Goulter, W. W. Ireland and J. P. Anderson on the different occasions of my official visits.

I would impress upon the different Lodges in this district a closer attention to the payment of dues and am confident that by so doing the financial standing of every Lodge would be better.

I want to see more true masonry carried into the every day life—less bitterness and more harmony, a closer conformity to that great commandment, Love —an attribute so Masonic, so essentially Divine, as will make the Order more universally loving and beloved,—that trowel which lays level that human cement which is as binding as the bonds of relationship.

Asking for my successor as warm a welcome in the different lodges and trusting that he will find an improved state of affairs throughout the District.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY L. WATTS,
D. D. G. M., District No. Seven.

District Number Eight.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8, respectfully reports as follows :

That I have visited all the lodges in this District in the following order :

WAPANANUNG LODGE, NO. 46, BROADVIEW.

I visited this Lodge on Monday, March 13th, and found a small but enthusiastic assembly awaiting me. This Lodge has been laboring under difficulties on account of the Secretary, Bro. Robt. Patterson, having absconded with its funds. The town has been largely composed of a floating population, and members left about as soon as they were admitted. The outlook is now brighter as the Lodge is getting members who are likely to become permanent residents. A number of the members of this Lodge have withdrawn to become charter mem-

bers of a new lodge now being organized at Grenfell but I have faith in the present members and am confident that the interest of the Craft will be carefully guarded. The books are well and neatly kept by Bro. William Hodson, Acting Secretary. The hall is supplied with all necessary furniture and I find the work done in a satisfactory manner.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 42, Fort Qu'Appelle.

I visited this Lodge on Wednesday, March 15th, and found all the brethren present to welcome me. The W.·. Master had a severe cold, hence I did not ask him to confer any degrees. I put questions to the brethren and found them fully capable of carrying on the work of the Lodge. I felt it my duty to give them all the instruction possible, which was very much appreciated, as the town where this Lodge is located is twenty miles from a railway. This Lodge has a neat, comfortable hall, well furnished, and the books are neatly and correctly kept.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34, Qu'Appelle.

I visited this Lodge on Thursday, March 16th, and found a good attendance of members. The work was well done and I answered many questions in regard to the Ritual. This Lodge has a neat hall, well furnished, and is making strenuous efforts to have perfect work. The books are neatly kept and everything pertaining to the work and business of the Lodge indicates that they are striving for perfection.

Wascana Lodge, No. 23, Regina.

I visited this Lodge on Friday, March 19th, and found a large number of brethren in attendance. This Lodge has a commodious hall, and the furniture and paraphernalia all that could be desired. The work is fairly well performed but lacking in impressiveness. This Lodge has a complete set of books which are well kept, and its financial condition is the best of any Lodge in the District.

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, Moose Jaw.

I visited this Lodge on Saturday, March 18th. Owing to a snow blockade the W.·. Master was unable to attend. The attendance was small owing to many of the members, who are engaged in mercantile pursuits, being detained at their places of business. About twelve members were present who gave me an enthusiastic reception. This Lodge has a poor hall with very inferior furniture, but it is expected that a new hall will soon be ready for occupation. It has not fully recovered from its serious loss by fire and is laboring under difficulties, but is determined to succeed. This Lodge, at its organization adopted the York or American Ritual with which I am not familiar, but the officers, apparently, were proficient. I found that the Secretary had all the necessary books, which are neatly and correctly kept. This Lodge has donated more money for charitable purposes than any other in the District, which leaves it with a small balance in the treasury.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, Moosomin.

I visited this Lodge officially on June 3rd, when I found an unusually large number of brethren present. As I am a member of this Lodge I deemed it best to visit officially as in that capacity I could talk more freely. The hall occupied by this Lodge is all that could be desired; it is well furnished and has everything necessary for the proper exemplification of the work which is always performed in a perfect manner. I found the necessary books in the possession of the Secretary who keeps them neatly and correctly.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, Whitewood.

I visited this Lodge on Wednesday, June 7th, and found the officers working under difficulties, as it is obliged to meet in the school house which is not at all suitable for the purposes of Masonry. The work was not all that could be desired but there are extenuating circumstances in the case of this Lodge owing to the officers living at a considerable distance from the town. This difficulty is about to be overcome as a new set of officers has recently been elected. I feel hopeful for the future of this Lodge. The necessary books are kept in a creditable manner.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, Indian Head.

I visited this Lodge on Friday, June 10th. I regret that I did not meet more of the brethren, many being absent on account of being detained late at a Conservative meeting, held on the previous evening. The three degrees were exemplified on the occasion of my visit, and I found the officers well skilled. This Lodge has a comfortable hall fairly well furnished. A complete set of books is well kept by the Secretary. At this meeting I conferred the Past Master's Degree on Bros. Wm. Hall and F. S. Proctor, who drove from Fort Qu'Appelle to be present at the meeting.

I find that harmony prevails throughout this District. The Secretaries of the several lodges, with no exception, have promptly answered my letters.

In every case I made enquiries of the brethren what was most lacking in the Lodge and I at all times gave needed advice and instruction which was always appreciated. I gave addresses on Masonry and pointed out who are fit and proper persons to become Masons. The brethren are craving for knowledge and expressed a wish that they could have more frequent visits from well skilled brethren; such visits would be productive of much good.

I cannot close my report without thanking the brethren of the various Lodges in this District forthe royal manner in which they received me and for the hospitality extended to me on all my official visits, thus evincing their respect for Grand Lodge Officers. The brethren showed in every possible way their appreciation of advice and information given them on points in which they were deficient. I have reproved with brotherly love whenever necessary, and gave praise where it was due but never descended to harshness or flattery.

Finally, M.·. W.·. Sir, permit me to say that your own official visits have been productive of much good and in every place visited by you, I heard nothing but the highest compliments paid to you. You have instructed us all; come again.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McGUIRL,
D.D.G.M. District Number Eight.

District Number Nine.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 9, reports as follows, viz :

That I can only report in a general way that Masonry in this District is in a satisfactory condition. Owing to most pressing business matters I have been unable to visit, officially, any of the lodges in the District beyond that of my own Lodge, No. 31, (which keeps up its old time efficiency). This has been a matter of sincere regret to me, but was wholly unavoidable and beyond my control.

During the year one new lodge, U.D., has been organized at Edmonton, and I am pleased to hear from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master that the new lodge bids fair to be one of the best in the jurisdiction, the character of the work being especially good. I forwarded an application from the brethren of Maple Creek, asking for dispensation to form a lodge, and as they appear to possess all the requirements ; I trust that their request will be granted. The extension of the railway service north of Calgary, and the increase of settlement, are stirring up the Masons in that District to form lodges, and I believe that applications will shortly be sent in from Olds and Red Deer. Having received an invitation from the pastor and congregation of the Angus Robertson Memorial Church (Presbyterian) to lay the corner stone of their new stone church with Masonic ceremonies, at Maple Creek, by authority from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, this was done by me, assisted by brethren from Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, and other brethren of Maple Creek, on the 5th day of June, A.L., 5893. I have to thank these brethren for the zeal shown and the sacrifice made by them in devoting their time and giving their service so cheerfully and efficiently. As will be seen by report, the information from one or two lodges is incomplete.

The official visits to our lodges by yourself, M.·. W.·. Sir, I believe will be productive of much good to the craft. I have to thank the brethren of the District for re-electing me to a second term as D.D.G.M., and only regret that I was not in a position to render myself of more service to the various lodges in the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

T. TWEED,
D. D. G. M., District Number Nine.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Goulding (12), seconded by Bro. William Lindsay (12), the Reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date, showing :

Balance on hand January 15th, 1892	$1,266 07
Received from Grand Secretary	2,425 05
Interest allowed on deposits	32 01
Total	3,723 13
Warrants paid, Nos. 448 to 503	2,336 99
Balance on hand 15th January, 1893	1,386 14

DEBITS.

1892.			
Jan. 15.	To	Balance	$1,266 07
April 27.	"	Interest	12 81
Oct. 11.	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	400 00
Oct. 26.	"	Interest	9 90
Nov. 30.	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	435 60
1893.			
Jan. 15.	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	176 10
"	"	" " "	625 00
"	"	" " "	375 00
"	"	" " "	413 35
"	"	Interest	9 30
			$3,723 13

CREDITS.

		Warrant No.	
1892.			
Feb'y 12.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	448	$150 00
May 18.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	449	150 00
May 28.	Thos. W. Taylor	450	2 00
"	W. D. Pettigrew	451	5 10
"	McIntyre Bros	452	17 50
"	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	453	21 12
"	James E. Steen	454	25 25
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	455	45 31
June 15,	Wm. Cranston	456	4 40
"	G. W. Girdlestone	457	7 70
"	A. B. Cail	458	10 00
"	H. E. Hyde, Sec'y Alberta Lodge, No. 37	459	10 00
"	James E. Steen	460	11 25
"	Ferguson & Co	461	11 30
"	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	462	30 70
"	Thomas W. Taylor	463	50 00

June 15.	J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary G. L. of Canada	464	100 00
"	Charles Turner	465	5 00
"	A. McDonald	466	10 00
"	John McBride, Grand Tyler	467	15 00
"	Wm. G. Bell	468	150 00
July 15.	Tribune Publishing Co.	469	4 50
"	Manitoba Free Press	470	6 00
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	471	9 25
"	James Hooper	472	10 00
"	Wm. G. Bell	473	19 00
"	Western Canada Loan & Savings Co	474	50 00
"	Sec'y-Treas. Freemason's Hospital, Morden	475	200 00
Aug. 16	A. E. Baerman	476	50 00
19	W. J. Boyd	477	9 00
"	W. H. McLean	478	6 55
"	Rublee, Riddell & Co	479	6 00
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	480	150 00
Oct. 7	Wm. Greig	481	4 00
"	Tribune Publishing Co	482	5 25
"	Manitoba Free Press	483	7 50
"	Wm. G. Scott. Grand Secretary	484	8 95
"	London Guarantee & Accident Co	485	9 00
"	General Masonic Relief Association	486	9 96
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	487	17 88
"	Treasurer Portage la Prairie Brass Band	488	25 00
"	James E. Steen	489	27 00
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	490	51 25
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	491	69 43
"	McIntyre Bros	492	242 65
Jan. 15	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	493	150 00
"	Ferguson & Co	494	2 90
"	The Stovel Co	495	7 75
"	James E. Steen	496	28 00
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	497	37 54
"	The Copp, Clark Co	498	151 00
"	Thomas W. Taylor	499	50 00
"	Western Canada Loan & Savings Co	500	50 00
"	Secretary Treherne Lodge, No. 51	501	10 00
"	Secretary Carberry Lodge, No. 29	502	10 00
"	Secretary Temple Lodge, No. 49	503	10 00
	Total		$2336 99

BENEVOLENT FUND.

January 15th, 1893, balance on hand	70 55

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35) the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As required by our Constitution I have the honor to submit herewith a detailed general and financial report of the transactions of my office for the past year.

Proceedings.

The proceedings of our last Annual Communication were printed in uniform style with those of the past three years, and with as little delay as possible after the close of the session. They were disposed of as in former years.

Lodges Constituted.

One of the first duties after the close of our last Annual Communication was the transmission of the Charters granted to the two new lodges, viz: Killarney Lodge No. 50 and Treherne Lodge No. 51. These lodges were constituted by brethren specially appointed for that purpose.

Dispensations Continued.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Lodges, U.D., and adopted by Grand Lodge at last Annual Communication the dispensation of Hartney Lodge, U. D., was continued.

New Lodges.

Dispensations for the formation of two new lodges were issued from this office by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master. The dates of dispensations, names, locations of lodges, names of members, number of charter members are furnished herewith.

20th of October, 1892, Edmonton Lodge, Edmonton, Alberta, charter members, 16; Bro. Chas. W. Sutter, W. M.; Bro. Hedley C. Taylor, S. W.; Bro. Thos. Bellamy, J. W.

25th of February, 1893, Oriental Lodge, Melita, Man. Number of charter members, 9; Bro. John Crerar, W. M.; Bro. Ed. R. Redpath, S. W.; Bro. Jas. B. Graham, J. W.

Representatives

Near other Grand Lodges.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions have been issued from this office by directions of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master as follows:—

Minnesota.—R.·. W.·. Bro. H. C. Shepard, Winona, Feb. 4th, 1893, vice I. B. Cummings, deceased.

New York.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph J. Little, Sept. 24th, 1892, vice Samuel Jones, deceased.

New York.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Roberts, Dec. 10th, 1892, vice Joseph J. Little, resigned.

New Zealand.—Hon. Henry Fieldwick, Auckland, Dec. 10th, 1892.

Ohio.—R.·. W.·. Bro. C. F. Baldwin, Mount Vernon, March 7th, 1893, vice John D. Caldwell, resigned.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, having decided to abolish the system of Grand Lodge representatives, the resignation of V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner has been received.

Near This Grand Lodge.

Since the date of my last report commissions for representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:—

California.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederic Leslie Newman, Portage La Prairie, Sept. 15th, 1892, vice M.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, deceased.

Kansas.—M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, Rapid City, Dec. 20th, 1892, Renewal of appointment.

New Zealand.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat, Feb. 25th, 1893.

Returns of Lodges.

I am pleased to report once more, that the half yearly returns of all lodges in our jurisdiction to the 27th of December, 1892, have been received, and all fees and dues paid. I cannot, however, forbear referring to the tardiness of several of the lodges in making these returns.

As the Constitution requires me to report to the Grand Lodge all lodges that have neglected, or refused to comply with any provisions of the Constitution, I submit the following list of delinquents:—

"Brandon Lodge, No. 19."

"Manitou Lodge, No. 30."

"Indian Head Lodge, No. 33."

"Battle Lodge, No. 38."

"Wapananung Lodge, No. 46."

The instructions accompanying the blank forms are so explicit that it is difficult to understand how errors can be made. Nearly one half the reports received show carelessness and incompetency on the part of the secretaries, and I now refer to it with a view of correcting them so that their occurrence in future will be rare. I deem it my duty to point out that the W.·. Masters are in a large measure responsible for the proper preparation of these reports, as in every case they are required to certify to their correctness.

Protraits of Past Grand Masters.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at our last Annual Communication the portrait of the late Most Worshipful Bro. Rev. W. C. Clark, our first Grand Master, was obtained and now hangs in the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg.

I would recommend that an appropriation be made at this session for a portrait of the late M.·. W.·. Bro. W. N. Kennedy.

A History of Free Masonry of Manitoba.

Since our last Annual Communication much valuable information has been obtained regarding the early history of Free Masonry in the Canadian North West. In this connection I desire to call attention to the kindness of M.·. W.·. Bro. C. W. Nash, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge Minnesota, in supplying particulars regarding the history of old Northern Light Lodge from date of organization to the time of its removal from Pembina, Dakota, to Fort Garry, I would recommend that Bro. Nash's services in this connection be recognized by Grand Lodge.

I regret to say that the recommendation of the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, for each lodge to prepare a concise history of its organization and permanent doings and to forward it to the Grand Secretary has not been generally adopted, only the following lodges having complied with my re-request for same:—

Cascade Lodge, No. 42.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.

I would recommend that the Grand Lodge again urge subordinate lodges to complete this very important work.

Certificates of Standing Issued.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Certificates of Standing have been issued to brethren who were members of Lodges of the dates surrender of charters as follows :

James Andrew Bell, Hiram Lodge, No. 5.
John Faddon Campbell, Hiram Lodge, No. 5.
Angus John Munro, Hiram Lodge, No. 5.
Thomas Bellamy, Pembina Lodge, No. 20.
John A. Belden, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
John Coleman, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17
William Ibbotson, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
John A. McDougall, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Donald Ross, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Thomas H. Stewart, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17.
Colin F. Strang, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
James Ross, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Mathew McCauley, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Thomas Henderson, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
William Humbertsone, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17.
William McKay, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Richard Secord, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.

William Stiff, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Frank A. Osborne, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Phillip Heiminck, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Jeremiah Knowles, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Joseph Kildahl, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Thomas Gifford Hutchings, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17.
Edward P. Leacock, Hiram Lodge, No. 5.

FINANCIAL.

It is a source of gratification that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge continues good. The books show that on the 15th of January, there was a cash balance of $1386.14 in the treasury, of which the sum of $103.20 has been passed to the credit of the "Benevolent Fund Account." $682.94 has been deposited in a special account, to be invested in approved debentures or other convertable securities, as recommended by the Board of General Purposes and adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. Since the close of the fiscal year warrants have been issued for $436.60, leaving a balance for the opening of the Grand Lodge of $163.40.

The usual statements of the receipts and expenditures have been printed and a copy sent to each member of Grand Lodge.

STATE OF THE CRAFT.

The average property of the Lodges has been maintained during the past year as shown by the following Statistical Tables:

No. of Members Dec. 27th, 1891			1992
Initiated		204	
Passed	216		
Raised	213		
Joined		86	
Restored		8	298
			2290
Dimittted		88	
Suspended U.M.C.		3	
Suspended N.P.D.		41	
Died		16	
Rejected	36		148
No. of members Dec. 27th, 1892			2142
Increase			150

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), seconded by W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from the 16th January, 1892, to the 15th January, 1893.

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 79 00	33.	Indian Head	30 25
2.	Lisgar	47 25	34.	Qu'Appelle	23 50
3.	Ancient Landmark	148 40	35.	Moosomin	38 25
4.	St. John's	69 25	36.	Doric	37 00
6.	Emerson	18 75	37.	Alberta	31 75
7.	Assiniboine	75 25	38.	Battle	31 50
8.	King Solomon	78 25	39.	Birtle	34 75
9.	Oakland	38 80	40.	Deloraine	33 70
10.	Northern Light	69 65	41.	North Star	45 90
11.	Gladstone	25 00	42.	Cascade	52 45
12.	Stonewall	19 25	43.	Lebanon	45 60
13.	Belmont	46 00	44.	Oak Lake	50 15
14.	Prince of Wales	55 25	45.	Spitzie	35 85
15.	Corinthian	15 25	46.	Wa-pan-an-ung	26 25
16.	Kinistino	66 50	47.	Ashlar	56 15
19.	Brandon	82 50	48.	Glenboro	55 00
23.	Wascana	99 50	49.	Temple	36 50
24.	Neepawa	55 15	50.	Killarney	59 75
25.	Ionic	106 60	51.	Treherne	52 05
26.	Moose Jaw	32 00	U.D.	Hartney	32 75
27.	Glenwood	66 70	U.D.	Edmonton	33 40
28.	Bow River	64 50		Certificates	1 00
29.	Carberry	31 25		Constitutions	5 25
30.	Manitou	19 00		Blank Books and Forms	64 50
31.	Medicine Hat	54 75		Extinct Lodges	33 00
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	15 00			$2,425 05

Distribution of Receipts.

Initiations	$406 00	Blank Books and Forms	156 10
Dues	1023 25	Extinct Lodges	33 00
Certificates	440 00	Charters	40 00
Past Masters' Certificates	31 00	Library	60
Life Members' Certificates	4 50	Dispensations	93 00
Life Members' Fees	45 00		
Constitutions	152 60		$2,425 05

Cash Statement.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer from January 16th 1892, to January 15th, 1893.

DR.			CR.		
1893.			1892.		
January 15.	To Receipts	$2,425 05	Oct. 11.	By Grand Treasurer	$400 00
			Nov. 30.	" " "	435 60
			1893.		
			Jan'y 15.	" " "	176 10
			" 15.	" " "	625 00
			" 15.	" " "	375 00
			" 15.	" " "	413 35
		$2,425 05			$2,425 05

YEARLY STATEMENT.

JANUARY 15TH, 1893.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$ 53 00
Charters	11 00
Certificates	374 50
Dues	1,023 25
Initiations	406 00
Life Membership Fees	45 00
Life Membership Certificates	90
Past Master's Certificates	20 12
Blank Books and Forms	20 47
Extinct Lodges	33 00
Interest	32 01

LOSSES.

Constitutions	$ 24 96	
Fixtures	35 20	
Library Fixtures	7 25	
Expense	154 76	
Printing	313 65	
Books and Stationery	8 70	
Postage	103 87	
Rent	100 00	
Telegraphing	22 85	
Salaries	600 00	
Regalia	7 93	
Insurance	22 45	
Special Grants	251 55	
Advertising	23 25	
Net gain, January 15th, 1893	342 83	
	$2019 25	$2019 25

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned, your Librarian, presents his Seventh Annual Report.

The additions to the library during the past year have not been extensive. A number of Grand Lodge proceedings have been received in exchange for ours, and our thanks are gratefully returned for the following special donations, handsomely bound :

From R.·. W.·. Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. L. L. Munn, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois from 1840 to 1850, one volume; also Proceedings of 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. S. F. Chadwick, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. F. J. Thompson, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, Vol. 3, of the History of Freemasonry in New York.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1874.

From Grand Lodge of Quebec, "A Copy of the History of Freemasonry in Quebec, edited by M.·. W.·. Bro. Dr. J. Hamilton Graham, P.G.M., P.G.Z., and published by a committee of members of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter."

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. W. P. Isaacs, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. W. F. Swain, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 1892.

From M.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master, Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary, Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, edition of 1892.

Thanks are also tendered for the following,

From M.·. W.·. Bro. Dr. J. Hamilton Graham, P.G.M., P.G.Z., Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec for 1878.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Sargant, Scribe E., Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for Canada from 1863 to 1892, except 1865.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Chas. C. Kiefer, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Arch Masons of Illinois for 1892, also Proceedings of the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Illinois for 1892.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. W. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska for 1892.

From. M.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Murray, Secretary General, Proceedings of the Supreme Council A. & A. S. R,, for the Dominion of Canada for the years 82, 83, 87, 88, 90 and 91.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, copies of Canadian Craftsman.

The following books have been acquired by purchase :

"Worshipful Masters' Assistant," by Bro. Robt, McCoy.

"Master Masons' Hand-Book," by Bro. Fred. J. W. Crow.

"Kenning's Masonic Encyclopedia," edited by late Rev. A. F. A. Woodford.

"Scripture Readings and Prayers," by Rev. John A. Lloyd, M.A., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England.

"Dictionary of Freemasonry," by late Bro. Bob. Morris.

"Dr. Dassugnys Enquiry into the origin of British Royal Arch Masonry."

The following Grand Lodge proceedings and periodicals (51 volumes) have been bound and placed in the Library :

Proceedings Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec,						1 Vol.,	1877-1885.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1886-1893.
"	"	"	"	"	Canada,	"	1880-1884.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1885-1890.
Transactions Lodge Quatuor Coronatti, London, England							Vol. 1.
"	"	"	"	"	"		Vol. 3.
"	"	"	"	"	"		Vol. 5.
The Trestle Board						1 Vol.,	1892.
Voice of Masonry						"	"

Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Virginia, 1878-1880, 1881-1883, 1888 and 1889, 1890 and 1891 ..... 4 Vols.
West Virginia, 1875-1878, 1885-90 ..... 2 "
New York, 1883-1886, 1887-1889 ..... 2 "
New York, 1889, (Jubilee) 1890 and 1891 ..... 2 "
New Jersey, 1884-90 ..... 1 "
New Hampshire, 1886-1870, 1875-1879, 1879-1884, 1884-1887, 1887-90.. 5 "
Kansas, 1888-1891 ..... 1 "
Illinois, 1870-1872, 1873-1874, 1885-1887 ..... 3 "
Indiana, 1875-1879, 1880-1886, 1888-91 ..... 3 "
Arkansas, 1885-1888 ..... 1 "
Texas, 1884-1889 ..... 1 "
Alabama, 1884-1889 ..... 1 "
Maine, 1820-1854, 1885-1887, 1888-1890 ..... 3 "
Louisiana, 1887-1889, 1890-92 ..... 2 "
Montana, 1885-1889 ..... 1 "
Pennsylvania, 1886-1887, 1888-1889, 1890-1891 ..... 3 "
California, 1885-1886, 1887 and 1888, 1889 and 1890 ..... 3 "
Colorado, 1881-1885, 1886-1889, 1890-1892 ..... 3 "
Missouri, 1886 and 1887, 1888 and 89, 1890 to 1892 ..... 3 "
Utah, 1887 to 1890 ..... 1 "
Rhode Island, 1791 to 1820 ..... 1 "
Connecticut, 1887 to 1890 ..... 1 "
Minnesota 1885 to 1889 ..... 1 "
Mississippi, 1890 to 1892 ..... 1 "
Michigan, 1887 to 1889 ..... 1 "

Reading Room.

"The Manitoba Daily Free Press."
"The Winnipeg Daily Tribune."
"The Ottawa Daily Citizen."
"The Montreal Daily Herald."
"The Evening Telegram," Toronto.
"The Qu'Appelle Progress," Weekly.
"The Liberal," Portage la Prairie.
"The Commercial," Winnipeg, Weekly.
"The Calgary Weekly Herald."
"The Calgary Tribune," Weekly.
"The Weekly Tribune," Portage la Praie.
"The Selkirk Herald," Weekly.
"The Perth (Ontario) Courier," Weekly.
"Waghorn's Guide."
"The Colonist," Winnipeg, Weekly,
"The North-West Farmer," Winnipeg.
"The Western World," Winnipeg.

"Portage la Prairie Review."
"Rat Portage Record."
"Weekly News Advertiser," Vancouver, B.C., supplied by Bro. J. W. Prescott.

Masonic Publications.

"The Voice of Masonry," Chicago.
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
"The Canadian Craftsman."
"The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"The Rough Ashlar," Richmond, Va.
"The Freemason's Journal," New York.
"The Masonic Token," Portland, Me.
"The South Australian Freemason."
"The Australian Keystone."
"The Freemason," Sidney, N.S.W.
"Royal Craftsman," Plainfield, N.J.
"The American Mason," Chicago.
"American Mason," supplied by W.·. M.·. Bro. W. G. Bell.

I have received from the publisher of the Manitoba Masonic Directory the sum of $28 (twenty-eight dollars) being 10 per cent. of the gross receipts derived from the sale of that valuable work. Grateful acknowledgments are hereby tendered to the Publisher for his generosity.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Duncan J. Campbell (37), the report of the Grand Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:

At a meeting held on the 9th of June, 1893, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson was elected President, and R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe was elected

Vice-President. At a subsequent meeting members of the Board were elected to serve upon the various Special Committees required by Section 78 of the Constitution.

In reference to the question of the payment of the representatives to the Grand Lodge referred to your Board for consideration and report at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, your Board begs to report that as in order to carry out such a system would involve an increase of the per capita tax on the subordinate Lodges, and it would recommend that action in the matter be deferred.

In reference to the question of procuring testimonials for M.·. W.·. Bros. Thomas Clark and James A. Ovas referred to your Board, suitable testimonials have been procured. In the case of M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark a watch chain and Past Grand Master's pendant jewel, and in the case of M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas a Past Grand Master's apron. Your Board would recommend that these testimonials be presented to the above distinguished brethren at this session of Grand Lodge.

Your Board recommend that the tender of McIntyre Bros. for printing the the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge at $1.85. per page, be accepted.

Your Board recommend that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be reimbursed the disbursements incurred by him in visiting the various lodges throughout this large jurisdiction.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire at this session of the Grand Lodge :

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William J. Ptolemy,	R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Robert W. Woodroofe,
"	"	"	John Leslie,	"	"	"	Willard C. Copeland,
"	"	"	Thomas Robinson,	"	"	"	James A. Payne,
	"	"	James T. Black,		"	"	John H. Munson.

Your Board has only held three meetings during the current year, very little business having been brought before it. This may be accepted as evidence that the past Masonic year has been a harmonious and prosperous one.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,

President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Commiitee on Jurisprudence has under consideration the following matters :

CASCADE LODGE, No. 42.
vs.
HENRY H. BROWN. } *Suspension—no appeal.*

This case was recommended in the previous report to the Grand Lodge to be laid over until further evidence had been furnished, that clause 157 of the Constitution had been complied with. This evidence has been supplied and we recommend that the action of the Cascade Lodge, No. 42, be affirmed.

WAPANANUNG LODGE, No. 46,
vs.
HAROLD C. DODD. } *Suspension—no appeal.*

This case was recommended in the previous report to be laid over until evidence had been furnished that clause 157 of the Constitution had been complied with. The defendant died shortly after the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and the brethren of this Lodge showed their Masonic consideration by burying the deceased with due respect.

KINISTINO LODGE, No. 16,
vs.
ALEX. R. BURNS. } *Suspension—no appeal.*

The information charges the defendant with adultery. The defendant pleaded "not guilty." The record in this case shows that all preliminary proceedings necessary for trial had been observed. The Lodge acquired jurisdiction. Evidence was taken by Special Committee and trial held. The defendant was present and was defended. The defendant was convicted and sentence of suspension was pronounced by the Lodge. There is no evidence that clause 157 of the Constitution had been complied with. The Secretary of the trial Lodge has been notified of this irregularity.

WAPANANUNG LODGE, No. 46,
vs.
ROBERT PATTERSON. } *Expulsion—no appeal.*

The information charges the defendant with misappropriation of the Lodge funds. There is no defence by the defendant. The record is somewhat irreg-

ular, but it shows that the defendant was served with a copy of the charge by mailing, per registered letter, the same and notice of the trial to his last known address. Full enquiries seem to have been made as to his whereabouts. After ten days the Lodge proceeded with the trial. The Lodge acquired jurisdiction and the trial was regularly held. By a unanimous vote the defendant was found guilty and sentenced to be expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry. There is no evidence that the defendant was served with notice of the sentence, as required by clause 157 of the Constitution. The Secretary has been advised of this irregularity. Your Committee has, therefore, advised that the case stand over until next year until that evidence be furnished.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Your Committee have considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution and find nothing at variance with the laws and usages of Masonry therein.

Fraternally sumbitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

W.·. Bro. John Chambers, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry herewith submits it annual report.

Your Committee has carefully considered the reports of the D. D. G. M's of Districts Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, these being the only reports received up to within two days prior to this Annual Communication. Being again compelled to refer to the tardiness shown by many of the D. D. G. M's in forwarding these reports, and the roundabout manner in which they reach your committee, and to obviate such delay in the future, your Committee would recommend that Grand Lodge pass a resolution requiring that such reports be made in duplicate, one copy being forwarded to Grand Master as provided by Constitution, and one to the Grand Secretary at the same time, for submission to this Committee.

From the information contained in the reports which have been considered, your Committee find, that with few exceptions, the lodges in the various Districts are in a prosperous and satisfactory condition, such being shown by the fact that several have secured new and more commodious lodge rooms, thus tending to more satisfactory working of the lodge. The financial condition is also satisfactory, many of the lodges showing a considerable balance at their credit. The membership also shows a steady increase, and as none of the D. D. G. M's report any decisions as having been asked for, harmony appears to be the rule, and your Committee are of the opinion that the general condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction continues steadily to improve.

The D. D. G. M. of District No. 7 fails to furnish any statistical information. As such information is required by resolution of Grand Lodge, your Committee is of the opinion that such neglect should be reported for action thereon by Grand Lodge. Your committee note his reference to the regrettable state of Masonry in Brandon Lodge. From the large number of Masons reported to be in Brandon, your Committee is of the opinion that there is ample room for serious consideration on the part of the brethren there, and believe that in the near future good counsels will prevail and dissension disappear, all tending to be of great benefit to Brandon Lodge and to the craft in general. Reference is also made to an unsatisfactory condition of affairs in Hartney Lodge U. D., but as complaints have been preferred your Committee forbears comment.

Several of the Lodges are still reported as not carrying insurance on their property. In this country of wooden buildings, with warnings frequently occurring, such neglect is censurable, and your Committee would again urge upon Lodges the necessity of providing security, in this manner, against loss.

The D. D. G. M's of Districts 5 and 6 report the W. M. of one Lodge in each District as being unable to properly confer degrees. This is to be regretted as the impression left upon the mind of the initiate by imperfect work is difficult to eradicate, and carelessness on the part of the W. M. is apt to lead to similar action by the Lodge. Lodges should be careful in the selection of their officers, and see that none are placed in office but such as have the ability and have shown willingness to properly perform the duties.

Your Committee observe that the D. D. G. M's of Districts Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 7, have visited all the Lodges in their respective Districts. The D. D. G. M. of District No. 6 has visited only one of the two Lodges in his widely scattered jurisdiction. Your committee note the request of the latter for a reconstruction of his District. As this matter was fully discussed and settled at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, after a full year's notice of proposed changes had been given, your Committee is of the opinion that objection or recommendation should then have been made.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the duties of the D. D. G. M's would be more efficiently performed, and one of the objects of their appointments more fully attained, by an earlier visitation of the lodges in their several

Districts. Such a course would give an earlier acquaintance with the members and officers of the various Lodges, and would tend to infuse a greater degree of enthusiasm among the members, and generally to improve the state of Masonry throughout the entire jurisdiction. Your Committee would therefore recommend that in future D.D.G.M's be requested to adopt this course.

Your Committee respectfully questions the propriety or advisability of D.D. G.M's criticising the Rituals adopted by Grand Lodge for use in the lodges in this jurisdiction, as your Committee consider it rather the duty of the D.D.G.M. to report upon the efficiency of Lodges in the work they have adopted, than to animadvert upon the wisdom of Grand Lodge in the matter of ritual. Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend to D.D.G.M's, that where necessary they should make themselves sufficiently proficient in the work of the two rituals sanctioned by Grand Lodge, thereby enabling them to intelligently criticise the work of the various lodges under their jurisdiction.

The reports of the D.D.G.M's for Districts Nos. 1, 8 and 9, having only been placed in the hands of your committee on the evening of June 13th, your Committee have not had time to consider the same, but from a cursory glance through them we are of the opinion that Masonry in the Districts named is in a flourishing condition.

No report has been received from the D.D.G.M. of District No. 4.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. CHAMBERS,
Chairman.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander J. Belch (4), the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that the question of the recognition of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Victoria has been inadvertantly overlooked.

Your Committee having found that the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, at its organization, were regular, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the M. ·. W. ·. Grand Lodge of Victoria be extended official and fraternal recognition and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to enter into correspondence with the view of an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Your Committee has also had under its consideration papers and documents emanating from the recently organized Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and having found the Proceedings of the organization regular in every particular, now offers the following resolutions and recommends their adoption :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba recognizes the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba tenders to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma a hearty and fraternal greeting and welcomes her to the great body of Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, and that fraternal relations and an exchange of representatives be established between the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Fraternally Submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman.

On motion of R. ·. W. ·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R. ·. W. ·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R. ·. W. ·. Bro R. W. Woodroofe, Chairman, presented and read the Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the M. ·. W. ·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Finance would report that the receipts for the year ending January 15th, 1893, were $2.457.06, and that this amount, together with the balance, $1.266.07 in the hands of the Treasurer from last year and interest allowed by bank, gives a total of $3723.13. After deducting the expenditures amounting to $2336.99, the balance on hand on January 15th, 1893, was $1386.14.

In compliance with the following recommendation of the Board of General Purposes " That after the books are closed for each year, that all funds in ex-

cess of $500.00 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be invested in approved debentures or other convertible securities under the direction of the Board of General Purposes, for the carrying on of works consistent with the objects of Masonry," adopted at the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, your Committee, after placing $103.20 to the credit of the Benevolence Committee and deducting $100.00 for liabilities, has placed the sum of $682.94, to special account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Your Committee has also to report that it has had the duties of the office of Grand Secretary fully investigated by a thoroughly competent committee, and on their report would recommend that the salary be increased to the sum of $700.00 per annum. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. WOODROOFE,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William A. Windatt (3), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, from the Committee of Lodges Under Dispensation Presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation beg leave to report that they have examined the books and petitions for charters as required by section 121 of the Constitution, of the following lodges :

Hartney Lodge, No. 7.

Dispensation granted 12th August, 1891. Continued 8th June, 1892. During the current year has held six regular meetings, and one emergent meeting.

Returns show 14 members at the last report. Present membership shows an increase. At a meeting held on the 2nd August, 1892, the petition for affiliation of Bro. G. A. Coulter was received and balloted for the same evening. This is irregular and contrary to clause 259 of the Constitution which provides for the appointment of a committee on character and that petitions should lie over for at least one month before ballot is passed.

On the 23rd March, 1893, Bro. H. Watts, D.D.G.M., paid his official visit and has since complained of the non-attendance of the W.·. M.·. and the Junior

Warden. The matter was brought up before the Board of General Purposes and the case was referred to W.·. Bro. H. H. Goulter, of Virden, to make a special report. A report has been received from him in which he recommends that a charter be granted, with new officers to be appointed by the Grand Master.

The minutes do not show that the rough minutes of the meeting, at the close of every meeting, were read over before the Lodge was closed, nor do they show who filled the various offices. This information should always be entered in the records set out. In several places the names of brethren are not written in full ; in some instances initials only are given. This is irregular. The full names of brethren should be written, and in no case should the initial letter of a surname be written.

ORIENTAL LODGE, DISTRICT NO. 4.

Dispensation Granted 9th March, 1893. Has held 4 regular meetings and 1 emergent meeting. Has no debt. Has the necessary books.

The minutes of this Lodge do not show that the rough minutes were ever read before the close of the meeting. Care should also be taken in regard to the entering of motions. The name of the proposer and seconder should be given in full ; not simply by mere reference to their names.

The attention of Secretaries of Hartney and Oriental Lodges is again called to page 129 of the Constitution, containing instructions for Lodges Under Dispensation and that the same should be carefully adhered to. A complete form is given and it is a very easy mattter for Secretaries of Lodges to follow it. Inattention to this form indicates careless indifference, and there is no excuse why the same should not be followed. We trust it will not be necessary to again call the attention of Lodges U.D. to these forms.

EDMONTON LODGE, DISTRICT NO. 9.

Dispensation granted 4th November, 1892. Held 8 regular meetings and 10 emergent meetings. Has no debt.

The minutes of this Lodge reflect great credit on the Secretary for the able manner in which they have been kept. They testify to a large amount of work and that the Lodge possesses excellent material and many earnest workers.

Your Committee therefore beg to recommend that a charter be granted Hartney Lodge, District No. 7, to Edmonton Lodge, District No. 9, and to Oriental Lodge, District No. 4.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James A Payne (4), the report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, presented the report of said Committtee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity herewith submits its Annual Report.

Only one application for relief has been before your Committee during the past Masonic year, viz: One on behalf of the widow of the late Bro. J. C. S. of Pembina Lodge No. 20, G. R. M. now extinct.

This application having only been placed in the hands of your Committee on the day previous to this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, your Committee feel that owing to lack of complete information, proper action thereon should be taken by Grand Lodge, and would recommend that Grand Lodge vote the sum of $50 for the present relief of Mrs. S., and family, and we further recommend that Grand Lodge be requested to take such further action as may be deemed necessary for the future assistance of the family of our late brother.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. CARLEY,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley, (25), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library begs to report:

That only about $12 of the $150 appropriated by Grand Lodge last year has been expended; and as only six volumes have been purchased, your Com-

mittee can only conclude that these are the only works of a strictly Masonic nature that have come to the notice of the purchasing committee, thus showing the limited number of useful works of this class. The appropriation for binding has been faithfully expended.

Brethren both in and outside of the city have not availed themselves of the privileges of the library to the extent that it deserves. Your committee can recommend to the brethren the reports on Foreign Correspondence in the several Grand Lodge proceedings as being interesting as well as very instructive reading, the brightest minds in Masonry being contributors thereto.

Your Committee would recommend that every brother be requested to send to the Grand Librarian the name of any work he deems would be of benefit to the library.

Your Committee would recommend that $150 be placed at the disposal of the Grand Librarian to be expended as follows:—$50 for binding and $100 for works that may come to his favorable notice during the year.

Your committee understands that the interest in the library has fallen off during the past year, and are of the opinion that it only can be revived by the purchase of a liberal percentage of standard works outside of those which are strictly Masonic.

The reading room is thoroughly appreciated and continues to be well supplied with the best current literature, both Masonic and general.

Your Committee would ask for further time for the publication and distribution of a printed catalogue.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due the brethren who have donated books; also to the publisher of the Masonic Directory for his handsome donation of $28; and also to the several brethren and publishers who contribute papers and periodicals to the reading room.

Your Committee cannot close this report without acknowledging the efficiency of the Grand Librarian and his able assistant, W.·. Bro. John Chambers, to whom the success of the reading room and library are largely due.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
W. A. WINDATT. } *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. William J. Cooper, (7), the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson from the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on the Address of the Grand Master, beg leave to Report as follows:—

They have carefully read the address and beg to congratulate the Grand Master on the success which has attended his efforts to carefully watch over the interest of Masonry in this jurisdiction. Having assumed office under somewhat painful circumstances, and as Deputy Grand Master having to generally undertake the consideration of matters which would naturally devolve upon a Grand Master, a great deal of tact and judgment was required in the discharge of his duties, and we are glad to bear testimony to universal feeling on the part of the brethren that he has so used the powers entrusted to his care, with benefit and advantage to the craft, as to gain the esteem of the brethren of this jurisdiction.

Your Committee recommends the careful consideration of the last part of the address to the various lodges, as we feel sure that if they endeavor to carry out the valuable suggestions therein made, a great impetus will be given to Masonry. It cannot be too strongly pointed out that one of the great objects of Masonry is to educate the mind, and this can only be done by in every way endeavoring to cultivate social gatherings and intellectual entertainments. A man naturally tires of the constant repetition of mere Lodge and Ritual detail work, and, therefore, we feel that the remarks of the Grand Master are well worthy the serious consideration of the brethren. The great object of Masonic science is to search after truth, which is symbolical of acquiring knowledge; hence we shall only be carrying out the fundamental principle upon which our order is founded, if we endeavor to cultivate our faculties whereby we shall be rendered worthy citizens of the country or community where we reside.

While making these remarks your Committee is pleased to learn that the brethren are not unmindful of the true principles of Masonry, especially in their endeavors to help the needy and those institutions whose special care it is to watch over the sick.

Your Committee approves of the decisions of the Grand Master and thanks him for so fully and clearly giving his reasons.

Your Committee notes the various official acts of the Grand Master, and are glad to find he had the opportunity of visiting so many lodges, especially those in the Territories.

Your Committee is especially pleased to note that a dispensation was granted for the Lodge in the rising town of Edmonton and that the interest in Masonry

has again asserted itself in that locality, and are sure that all will join in wishing this Lodge every possible success and prosperity, and that it will soon obliterate all the recollections of the troubles and difficulties connected with the old lodge that surrendered its charter. Your Committee also notes with great satisfaction the testimony he bears of the steady increase in our membership, and that the reports of the various D.D.G.M's are helpful in preserving a better standard of Masonic interest.

It is also a matter of sincere congratulation that there is a prospect of several new lodges being formed during the current year.

Your Committee recommends the Grand Lodge to pass resolutions granting the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master to those brethren who have discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the Grand Master and have been recommended by him for that honor.

Fraternally submitted

THOMAS ROBINSON,
W. G. BELL.
W. J. PTOLEMY,
} *Committee.*

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, from the Special Committee on Audit, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Audit, to whom was referred the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg to report that we have audited the books and acounts of Grand Lodge, and find the same to be correct, and the statements accompanying the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to be in accordance therewith. Your Committee desires to bear testimony to the neat and legible manner in which the accounts of Grand Lodge are kept.

Fraternally submitted,

D. HOPE,
JOHN LESLIE.
} *Committee.*

On Motion of Bro. R.·.W.·.John Leslie (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. James G. Dagg (2), the Report of the Special Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe from the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Special Committee of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Secretary's Report would congratulate Grand Lodge on the fairly satisfactory nature of that report and notes with satisfaction that all half-yearly returns have been received and all fees and dues paid.

It is to be regretted that the Grand Secretary finds it his duty to censure some of the lodge secretaries for carelessness or incompetency, and your Committee fully agrees with him when he states it is the duty of the W.·. M's.·. to satisfy themselves of the correctness of reports before certifying to their accuracy.

We notice with regret the non-compliance of all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, with the exception of Cascade Lodge, No. 42, and Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, with the recommendation of Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, that each Lodge should prepare a concise history of its organization, etc., and forward it to the Grand Secretary, and would recommend Grand Lodge to urge upon Lodges an early attention to the matter. The longer this matter is delayed the greater the difficulty will be in securing the desired information. Your Committee approves of the suggestion that an appropriation be made to procure a portrait of the late M.·. W.·. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, also of the recommendation that the services of P.G.M. Nash, of Minnesota, in supplying information regarding the early history of Freemasonry in the Canadian Northwest, be recognized by Grand Lodge. Your Committee notes with regret the resignation of V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, he being one of the few, if not the only one, of our representatives near foreign Grand Lodges who has sent reports to this Grand Lodge.

It is satisfactory to find the increase in membership to be slightly larger than last year.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. W. WOODROOFE,
WILLARD C. COPELAND,
A. J. BELCH. } *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As you have already been officially advised, the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania has withdrawn all his representatives at and near other Grand Lodges, with the request that all members of our jurisdiction, commissioned as Representatives of other Grand Lodges at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, decline further service under their commissions.

This action is not influenced by any diminution of fraternal regard, or by the existence of any Masonic or other differences between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and any of the several Grand Lodges with whom we have been, and are, in fraternal correspondence.

In these days of fast mails and still more rapid telegraph, it is found that any needed communications between the several Grand Lodges can be secured more promptly, and even more satisfactorily, by these means than by the intervention of accredited representatives, and that, which in days gone by had been the means of cementing the bonds that unite independent jurisdictions in one fraternal brotherhood, has become merely a means of honoring a brother by commissioning him the Representative of some foreign Grand Lodge.

Because of the action above indicated my official connection with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as its Representative at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, must cease, and this report is the last that it will be my privilege, as well as my pleasure, to make to you.

Kindly submit to the Most Worshipful Grand Master my personal regrets at the severance of the very pleasant relations existing for several years between us, with the assurance that my services, masonically or otherwise, are subjeet to his command whenever he or the Grand Lodge may require them.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is in the same prosperous condition as at the time of my previous reports. Its Subordinate Lodges are increasing in membership and in means for increased usefulness in their respective localities. New lodges are being constituted with promises of a successful existence, and Free Masonry is held in higher respect and esteem by the profane world than ever before.

The charities of the craft, as exemplified by the charity funds instituted by many of the Subordinate Lodges, by the Masonic Home and by the Stephen Giard bequest, The Thomas R. Patton Relief Fund and the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, continue the good work of relieving destitute brethren, widows and orphans.

But beyond all these evidences of mere material prosperity, we are happy because peace and harmony continue to abide with us. Brotherly affection rules our work, and no strife or contention exists, except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.

May it be ever so, and may the blessings and the prosperity enjoyed by us be also the portion of our brethren in your jurisdiction.

With many regards, officially and personally, and in the hope that our correspondence will not altogether cease, even though it ceases to be official, I have the honor to be,

Fraternally and very truly yours, in the bonds of Free Masonry,

LOUIS WAGNER.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, (1) seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Report of the Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was conferred on R.·. W.·. Bro. James G. Dagg, V.·. W.·. Bro. Archibald St. Clair McGregor, V.·. W.·. Bro. Frank Duncan Stewart, V.·. W.·. Bro. James Edwin Maynard, V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Crawford Dinsmore, V.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain, V.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Henry Longford Watts, V.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, in accordance with the recommendation of M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the following resolution was adopted :

That this Grand Lodge tenders its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Wilson and her family in the loss sustained by the death of our late Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson. His death was felt an irreparable loss to Masonry in this

jurisdiction. He was universally loved and respected for the interest and zeal which he always displayed for the welfare of the Craft. He will be sadly missed by the Masons in the jurisdiction, but they have the consolation that he has received the reward of the true and faithful Craftsman.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. A. Windatt (3), the following resolution was adopted.

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Co., the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Co. and the Alberta Railway and Coal Co., for courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Communication.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), the following resolution was adopted :

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the proprietors of the various hotels of the City of Winnipeg who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Communication.

NOTICES OF MONEY GRANTS.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution the following notices of motions, for money grants, were given to be introduced at the session of Grand Lodge to be held to-morrow :

By R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10)—

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 15
Assistant to Grand Tyler	10
Printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1892-93	200
Grant in aid of Grand Lodge Library	150
Committee on Credentials and Reception—for refreshments	35
Portrait of Late M.·. W.·. Bro. W. N. Kennedy	50

By W.·. Bro. Corbett Locke (13)—

That he would move for a grant in aid of the Freemason's Hospital at Morden.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37)—

That he would move for a grant in aid of the Brandon Hospital, the Medicine Hat Hospital and the Calgary Hospital.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1)—

That he would move for a grant in aid of the Children's Home, Winnipeg.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 11.55 o'clock p.m., until Thursday at 2 o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, June 15th, A. D. 1893, A. L. 5893, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The following places were named for holding the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge :

By R.·. W.·. Bro. J. H. Miliner (8), the City of Winnipeg.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), the City of Regina.

By V.·. W.·. Bro. J. J. White (25) the City of Calgary.
By R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the Town of Moosomin.

Subsequently on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at Banff, District of Alberta.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following resolutions to amend the Constitution were presented and disposed of as follows :

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. M. Lawrie (8)

Section 91 was amended by striking out the words "the fifteenth day of January" in the second and ninth lines and substituting therefor the words "thirty-first day of December."

Section 123 was amended by striking out the words "on or before the sixth day of January and sixth of July" and substituting therefor "immediately after June 24th and December 27th."

Section 189, Sub-section 3 was amended by striking out "not later than January 6th and July 6th," and substituting therefor "immediately after June 24th and December 27th."

Section 189, Sub-section 5, was amended by striking out all after the word "immediately" in the second line and substituting therefor "after June 24th and December 27th in each year."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS WITHDRAWN.

With the consent of Grand Lodge the following notices of motion to amend the Constitution were withdrawn :

By V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10),

To amend Section 327 by adding after the word "Lodge" in the third line thereof, the following : "And also to one who has regularly served in the office of W. Master of a Lodge Under Dispensation."

By R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick L. Newman, (7),

To amend Section 12 by striking out the word "June" in the third line and substituting therefor the word "February."

To amend Section 81 by striking out the word "June" in the second line and substituting therefor the word "February."

DUPLICATE REPORTS REQUIRED FROM D. D. G. M's.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James G. Dagg (2), it was

Resolved, That the D. D. Grand Masters be requested to prepare their Annual Reports in duplicate, one copy to be sent to the Grand Master as provided in Section 61 of the Constitution, and one to the Grand Secretary, to be by him submitted to the Committee on the State of Masonry.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m., until 2 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 15th, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893, at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the Grand Master :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman, from the Grand Lodge of California.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

MONEY GRANTS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37), the following appropriations were made and their payment authorized :

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 15
Assistant to Grand Tyler	10
Printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1892-93	200
Grant in aid of Grand Lodge Library	150
Committee on Credentials and Reception—for refreshments	35
Portrait of late M.·. W.·. Bro. W. N. Kennedy	50

On motion of W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis G. Lewin (35), a grant of two hundred dollars was made towards the Building Fund of the Freemasons' Hospital at Morden.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the following grants were made :

The Brandon General Hospital	$50 00
The Medicine Hat General Hospital	50 00
The Calgary General Hospital	50 00
The Children's Home, Winnipeg	50 00

SERVICES OF REPRESENTATIVE NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA RECOGNIZED.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has withdrawn all its Representatives from the Grand Lodges to which they have been accredited, and all Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have been requested to send their resignations to the respective Lodges from which they held their commissions, and

WHEREAS, V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, who has been Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, since 1884, has tendered his resignation as such Representative, and

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge cannot permit V.·. W.·. Bro. Wagner's retirement to take place without placing on record its appreciation of his services.

Now, therefore, be it resolved—

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner for the promptitude and fidelity with which he has at all times discharged the various duties devolving upon him ; and be it further resolved—

That the said V.·. W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia, be constituted an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with the rank and dignity of a Past Grand Senior Warden.

TESTIMONIALS TO PAST GRAND MASTERS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3), seconded by W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Board of General Purposes, was instructed to procure and present suitable testimonials to M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara and Wm. G. Bell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, Chairman of Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

The Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 45 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register ; 21 Lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers ; 14 Lodges are represented by proxy and 10 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 67 duly qualified Past Masters, and with Representatives a total vote of 170. Your Committee finds the Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented as follows :

No.	1.	Prince Rupert's,	Bro. John Obed Smith,	S. Warden.
			Bro. John Horn Mitchell,	J. Warden.
"	2.	Lisgar,	W.·. Bro. Robert Moncrieff,	W. Master.
"	3.	Ancient Landmark,	W.·. Bro. John Chambers,	W. Master.
			Bro. Thomas Howard Billman,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Edgar William Rugg,	J. Warden.
"	4.	St. John's,	W.·. Bro. Thomas William Taylor,	W. Master.
			Bro. William Braden,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Coulson Nicholas Mitchell,	J. Warden.
"	6.	Emerson,	W.·. Bro. John William MacDonald,	W. Master.
"	7.	Assiniboine,	W.·. Bro. Peter Whimster,	W. Master
			Bro. Dugald McKillop,	J. Warden.
"	8.	King Solomon,	W.·. Bro. Marshall Lawrie,	W. Master.
			Bro. Henry Robert Whitworth,	J. Warden.
"	9.	Oakland,	Bro. Gavin McClure,	J. Warden.
"	10.	Northern Light,	W.·. Bro. George William Baker,	W. Master.
			Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin,	J. Warden.
"	11.	Gladstone, R. .	W.·. Bro. Rev. Wm. John Garton,	W. Master.
			Bro. Arnold George Williams,	S. Warden.
"	12.	Stonewall, R.·.	W.·. Bro. Rev. Arthur Wm. Goulding,	W. Master.
			Bro. William Lindsay,	J. Warden.
"	13.	Belmont,	W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke,	W. Master.
"	14.	Prince of Wales,	Bro. Robert Hill Myers,	J. Warden.
"	16.	Kinistino, M.·.	W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson,	Proxy.
"	19.	Brandon,	W.·. Bro. Joseph William Quinn,	W. Master.
			Bro. William Arthur Lang,	S. Warden.
"	23.	Wascana, R.·.	W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe,	Proxy.
"	24.	Neepawa,	W.·. Bro. William Drummond,	Proxy.
"	25.	Ionic,	W.·. Bro. John Fletcher Mitchell,	W. Master.
			Bro. Norman Brownell,	J. Warden.
"	26.	Moose Jaw, R.·.	W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt,	Proxy.
"	27.	Glenwood,	W.·. Bro. Ainslie Linham Young,	W. Master.
"	30.	Manitou, R.·.	W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley,	Proxy.
"	32.	Qu'Appelle Valley,	W.·. Bro. John Chambers,	Proxy.
"	35.	Moosomin, R.·.	W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin,	Proxy.
"	36.	Doric,	W.·. Bro. John Morrow,	W. Master.
"	38.	Battle, M.·.	W.·. Bro. William Geo. Bell,	Proxy.
"	39.	Birtle,	W.·. Bro. Francis George Lewis,	W. Master.
"	40.	Deloraine, R.·.	W.·. Bro. James Edwin Maynard,	Proxy.
"	41.	North Star, R.·.	W.·. Bro. Duncan John Campbell,	Proxy.
"	42.	Cascade,	W.·. Bro. Hascall Ransford,	Proxy.
"	43.	Lebanon,	Bro. William McDonald Pineo,	S. Warden.
"	44.	Oak Lake,	W.·. Bro. Samuel L. English,	Proxy.
"	45.	Spitzie, R.·.	W.·. Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
"	46.	Wapananung, R.·.	W.·. Bro. John McGuirl,	Proxy

No. 49.	Temple,	W.·. Bro. Donald McLean,	W. Master.
" 51.	Treherne,	W.·. Bro. Walter McEwen Scott,	W. Master.
		Bro. James Kenneth Robson,	S. Warden.
		Bro. William David Staples,	J. Warden.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers: M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), V.·. W.·. Bro. Byron M. Canniff (7), and W.·. Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), when the election proceeded with the following result.

R.·.W.·. Bro. David James Goggin (10), Regina, Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, (10), Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, (31), Medicine Hat, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, (13), Morden, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott, (1), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
W.·. Bro. John Henry D. Munson, (1), Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton, (11), Emerson, Grand Chaplain.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe (1), of Winnipeg District, No. 1.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Byron Marcus Canniff (7), of Portage la Prairie, District No. 2.
W.·. Bro. Rev. Hugh William Fraser (51), o Treherne, District No. 3.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley (30), of Manitou, District No. 4.
W.·. Bro. Albert Caldwell Sewell (14), of Minnedosa, District No. 5.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain (16), of Prince Albert, District No. 6.
W.·. Bro. Samuel R. English (44), of Oak Lake, District No. 7.
W.·. Bro. Archibald Campbell Patterson (34), of Qu'Appelle Station, District No. 8.
W.·. Bro. Norman Thorquil Macleod (37), of Lethbridge, District No. 9.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing term :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe (1), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James Andrew Payne (4), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard Cooke Copeland (25), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, (1), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black (4), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Thomas William Taylor (4), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Thomas William Leggo (1), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Alexander A. Aird (4), of Winnipeg.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments :

W.·. Bro. Herbert Hanks Goulter, (43), of Virden, Grand Senior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. William Thomas Finlay (31), of Medicine Hat, Grand Junior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10), of Winnipeg, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert George Brett, (42), of Banff, Grand Organist.
W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter (53), of Edmonton, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert Hill Myers (14), of Minnedosa, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert Fairbairn McTavish (8), of Morris, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert Patterson (41), of Lethbridge, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Frederick Stephen Proctor (32), of Fort Qu'Appelle, Grand Pursuivant.

PRESENTATION TO M.·. W.·. BRO. THOMAS CLARK.

In accordance with resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge presented M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark, Past Grand Master, with a handsome gold watch chain, and Grand Master's pendant jewel. The M.·. W.·. Grand Master made the presentation in touching and impressive language, and an eloquent and feeling response was made by the distinguished recipient.

COMMITTEE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37), the following named brethren were appointed a committee to make necessary arrangements with the various railway companies and hotels in connection with the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, to be held at Banff, viz: M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), R.·. W.·. Bros. Wm. G. Scott (1), Thomas Tweed (31) and Duncan J. Campbell (37).

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5 o'clock p. m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday evening, June 15th, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893, at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Manitoba extends its sympathy to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in the loss, by fire, of its valuable Library, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to supply the Grand Lodge of North Dakota with such duplicate proceedings and periodicals, as he may have at his disposal.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. N. Agnew (1), the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the M.·. W.·. Bro. C. W. Nash, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying valuable information regarding the early history of Freemasonry in the Canadian Northwest.

HOSPITAL GRANTS NOT TO BE PAID OUT OF SPECIAL FUND.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William F. Ellis (30) :

That the grant in aid of hospitals be paid out of the Special Fund of Grand Lodge on deposit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, provided there is not sufficient at the credit of the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Eighteenth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 10.30 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton, Grand Chaplain.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended U.M.C.	Suspended N.P.D.	Died.	Rejected.	Membership 27th Dec. 1891.	Membership 27th Dec. 1892.
1	Prince Rupert's	3	3	5	3	....	8	....	3	....	....	121	116
2	Lisgar	4	4	4	1	2	1	....	2	....	....	54	58
3	Ancient Landmark	11	12	10	5	3	11	....	1	1	3	173	179
4	St. John's	3	3	2	2	....	3	....	1	....	1	116	117
6	Emerson	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	38
7	Assiniboine	5	6	5	2	....	2	1	1	2	....	101	102
8	King Solomon	9	8	9	....	1	1	....	1	....	3	22	30
9	Oakland	5	7	6	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	19	26
10	Northern Light	5	6	5	2	....	4	....	....	....	....	64	67
11	Gladstone	2	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	31
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	26	26
13	Belmont	3	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	74	78
14	Prince of Wales	5	4	4	2	1	....	....	....	1	....	50	57
15	Corinthian	....	1	1	....	....	2	....	4	....	4	30	24
16	Kinistino	7	10	9	....	....	1	1	6	1	3	50	48
19	Brandon	6	6	6	6	....	2	....	....	....	2	102	112
23	Wascana	13	11	11	4	....	4	....	5	1	1	68	75
24	Neepawa	8	7	7	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	23	29
25	Ionic	14	14	12	1	....	1	....	....	2	1	76	88
26	Moose Jaw	1	2	4	3	....	2	....	1	....	....	40	41
27	Glenwood	8	8	7	1	....	3	....	1	....	1	28	33
28	Bow River	4	1	1	2	....	2	....	....	1	....	78	81
29	Carberry	2	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	27
30	Manitou	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	1	....	38	32
31	Medicine Hat	4	5	5	3	....	6	....	1	....	....	37	37
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	2	1	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	18	19

33	Indian Head	3	3	3	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	25	28
34	Qu'Appelle	3	2	2	3	....	2	....	1	....	....	23	26
35	Moosomin	4	6	5	1	....	2	....	....	....	2	38	41
36	Doric	3	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	35	38
37	Alberta	2	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	34
38	Battle	2	4	4	....	....	2	....	....	....	...	32	32
39	Birtle	4	3	4	2	...	2	....	....	...	....	30	34
40	Deloraine	3	3	2	1	....	2	....	....	1	....	35	36
41	North Star	3	3	1	2	....	3	....	5	....	....	38	35
42	Cascade	7	7	8	1	....	3	1	4	....	3	34	34
43	Lebanon	5	7	6	4	1	2	....	2	....	....	30	36
44	Oak Lake	3	4	9	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	22	25
45	Spitzie	2	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	20
46	Wapananung	3	6	5	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	15	17
47	Ashlar	7	7	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	12	19
48	Glenboro	8	11	12	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	24	30
49	Temple	3	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	14	17
50	Killarney	5	5	5	....	....	2	...	....	....	....	16	19
51	Treherne	3	4	5	1	....	1	....	....	....	3	15	18
U.D.	Hartney	6	6	6	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	9	16
U.D.	Edmonton	....	....	....	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	16
		204	216	213	86	8	88	3	41	16	36	1992	2142

ROLL OF EXTINCT LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Place of Meeting.	Date of Charter.	Remarks.
5	Hiram	Kildonan, Manitoba	June 14, 1876	Charter Surrendered June 13, 1890
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Saskatch'n	February 16, 1883	Charter Surrendered February 13, 1889
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco	February 16, 1883	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1890
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound, Man	February 9, 1882	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1891
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie, Man	February 16, 1883	Consolidated with Assiniboine L'ge No. 7, June 24, '89
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Ont.	March 3, 1883	United with Grand Lodge of Canada, April 6, 1887

NAMES OF OFFICERS OF LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Town and P. O. Address.	County.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Geo. M. Lang	John C. Saul	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Manitoba	Robert Moncrieff	Robt. W. Stewart	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	John Chambers	W. E. Hazley	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Thomas W. Taylor	S. G. G. Thompson	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	Manitoba	John W. MacDonald	John McCaul	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	P. Whimster	Alex. Bowman	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	Marshall Lawrie	George F. Birney	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	Wm. J. Hemenway	Fred Starkey	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Geo. W. Baker	C. Graburn	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Rev. W. J. Garton	John Ferguson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	Rev. A. W. Goulding	James Toombs	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin	Manitoba	Corbet Locke	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Thomas H. Jackson	J. F. Boyd	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Robert T. Butchart	Geo. L. Stone	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	Joseph M. Coombs	Jas. R. Warren, act'g	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	Joseph W. Quinn	Richard L. Kennedy	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	James N. Chatwin	L. A. Ferguson	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	Manitoba	William James Hamilton	Alexander Lowe	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	J. F. Mitchell	E. S. Knowlton	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	Robert H. Lowe	Octavius Field	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Brandon	Manitoba	A. L. Young	James W. Breakey	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	Wm. L. Bernard	Monday on or before full moon.

29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Manitoba	W. W. Ireland	John G. Fitch	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Manitoba	Robert Waldie	James Herald	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	Nelson R. Wessel	Frank Goodwin	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	Fred. S. Proctor	Arthur Atherton	Tuesday on or before full moon.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	D. B. Macoun	E. W. Stuart	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	John A. Cowan	Donald S. McCannel	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	James Montgomery	Eli Sutcliffe	Wednesday on or after full moon.
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	John S. McKay	James D. Baine	Tuesday on or before full moon.
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	John Hollies	Robt. G. Mathews	First Saturday in each month.
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	Bruce A. Lawson	N.A.Mackenzie, ac'g	First Wednesday in each month.
39	Birtle	Birtle	Shoal Lake	Manitoba	Francis G. Lewis	John Lane	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	Robt. S. Thornton	M. A. Wilson	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star	Lethbridge		Alberta	Frank H. Mewburn	James Lawrence	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Banff		Alberta	Wm. H. L. Cardell	Charles Raven	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon	Virden	Dennis	Manitoba	Wm. M. Pineo	B. A. Herring	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Dennis	Manitoba	Robert Neill	Wm. H. Saunders	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek		Alberta	Andrew Christie	Henry E. Hyde	Friday on before full moon.
46	Wapananung	Broadview		Assiniboia	James Pollock	T. S. Rutherford	First Thursday in each month.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood		Assiniboia	George Stokes	J. H. Knowler	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Norfolk	Manitoba	Wm. Noble	Wm. H. McConnell	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor	Norfolk	Manitoba	Donald McLean	Thomas R. Vardon	Wednesday on or before full moon
50	Killarney	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	James A. McNaughton	James M. Baldwin	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	Norfolk	Manitoba	Walter M. Scott	W. D. Hamilton	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Winchester	Manitoba	George A. Colter		Tuesday on or before full moon.
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	Charles W. Sutter	Robert B. Ferguson	Third Friday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	John Crerar	C. M. Caughill.	Thursday on or before full moon.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

District Number One.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's ..... Winnipeg
" 2—Lisgar ..... Selkirk
" 3—Ancient Landmark ..... Winnipeg
" 4—St. John's ..... Winnipeg
" 6—Emerson ..... Emerson
" 8—King Solomon ..... Morris
" 10—Northern Light ..... Winnipeg
" 12—Stonewall ..... Stonewall
" 25—Ionic ..... Winnipeg

District Number Two.

D.D.G.M.—V.·.W.·, Bro. Byron Marcus Canniff, *Portage la Prairie.*

No. 7—Assinboine ..... Portage la Prairie
" 11—Gladstone ..... Gladstone
" 24—Neepawa ..... Neepawa
" 49—Temple ..... McGregor

District Number Three.

D.D.G.M.—V.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Hugh William Fraser, *Treherne.*

No. 9—Oakland ..... Carman
" 46—Glenboro ..... Glenboro
" 51—Treherne ..... Treherne

District Number Four.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley, *Manitou.*

No. 13—Belmont ..... Morden
" 30—Manitou ..... Manitou
" 36—Doric ..... Boissevain
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine
" 50—Killarney ..... Killarney
" 54—Oriental ..... Melita

District Number Five.

D.D.G.M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Albert Caldwell Sewell, *Minnedosa.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City
" 36—Birtle ..... Birtle

District Number Six.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert
" 38—Battle ..... Battleford

District Number Seven.

D. D. G. M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel R. English, *Oak Lake.*

No.	19—Brandon	Brandon
"	27—Glenwood	Souris
"	29—Carberry	Carberry
"	43—Lebanon	Virden
"	44—Oak Lake	Oak Lake
"	52—Hartney	Hartney

District Number Eight.

D. D. G. M.—V.·.W.·. Bro. Archibald Campbell Patterson, *Qu'Appelle.*

No.	23—Wascana	Regina
"	26—Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
"	32—Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle
"	33—Indian Head	Indian Head
"	34—Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle
"	35—Moosomin	Moosomin
"	46—Wapananung	Broadview
"	47—Ashlar	Whitewood

District Number Nine

D. D. G. M.—V. . W.·. Bro. Norman Thorquil Macleod, *Lethbridge.*

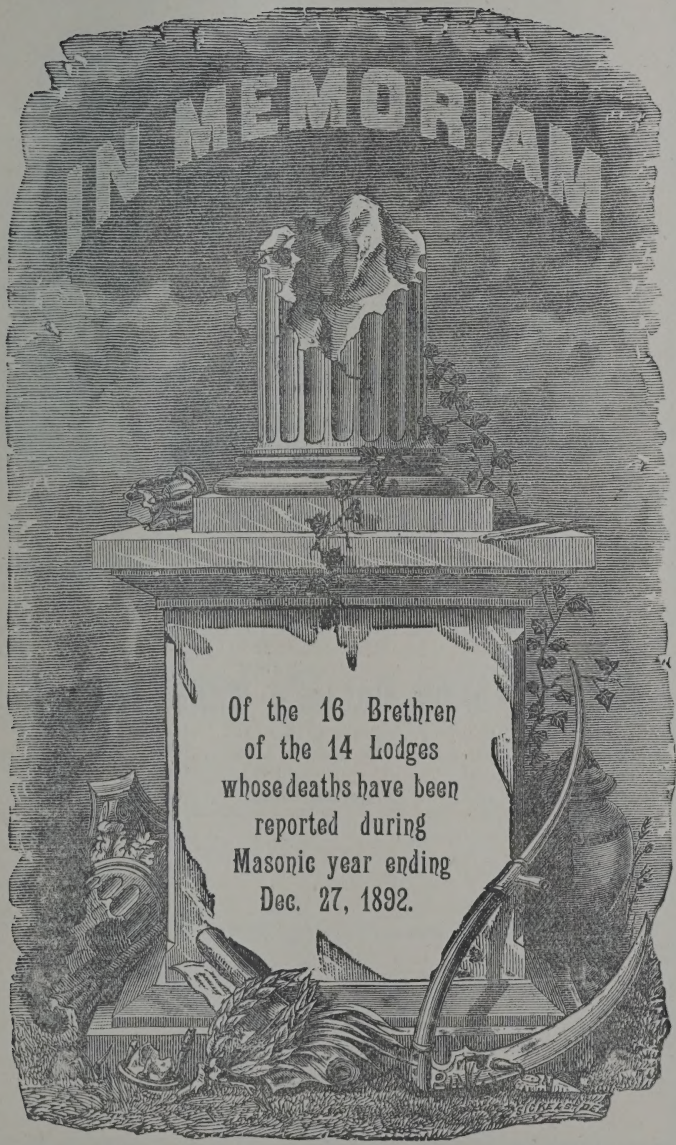
No.	28—Bow River	Calgary
"	31—Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
"	37—Alberta	Macleod
"	41—North Star	Lethbridge
"	42—Cascade	Banff
"	45—Spitzie	Pincher Creek
"	53—Edmonton	Edmonton

Recapitulation.

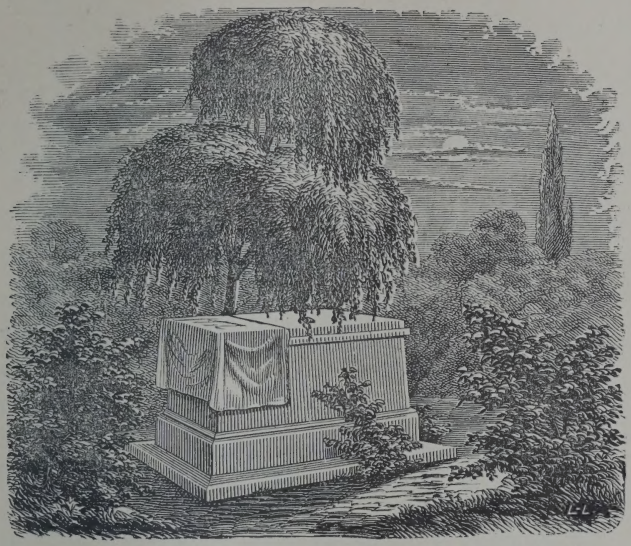
District Number One	9
District Number Two	4
District Number Three	3
District Number Four	6
District Number Five	3
District Number Six	2
District Number Seven	6
District Number Eight	8
District Number Nine	7
Total	48

DEATHS, 16—14 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Achille Benoit Coblentz.....	February 20, 1892..	Ancient Landmark...	3
John William Henry Wilson.	July 19, 1892.....	Assinboine	7
Peter Vances Georgen.....	August 8, 1892.....	Assinboine	7
James McIntosh	February 28, 1889..	Prince of Wales.....	14
Luke Wilson	January 10, 1892...	Kinstino	16
Edward George Weekes.....	September 26, 1892.	Wascana	23
John Joshua Richardson.....	May 26, 1892.....	Neepawa.....	24
Alton Herbert Lloyd.....	February 11, 1892..	Ionic	25
John J. McLennan..... ...	May 27, 1892.....	Ionic	25
William McCauley Herchmer	January 1, 1892	Bow River	28
Alexander Campbell Clouston	December 2, 1892..	Manitou	30
George Morton.....	December 27, 1881.	Doric.....	36
William Carefoot Hunter....	January 16, 1892...	Deloraine	40
Derwin Harold Parker.....	October 2, 1892....	Oak Lake.....	44
Harold Charles Dodd.....	August 1, 1892.....	Wapananung	46
Charles Rock.....	April 3, 1892	Glenboro	48


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 16 Brethren
of the 14 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1892.

"Sweet are the thoughts of them, though they are gone;
Rays from the Sepulchre, why should we mourn?
Gentle the words they said, brightening the path we tread,
Blest are the hallowed dead—why do we mourn?"



In Memoriam of

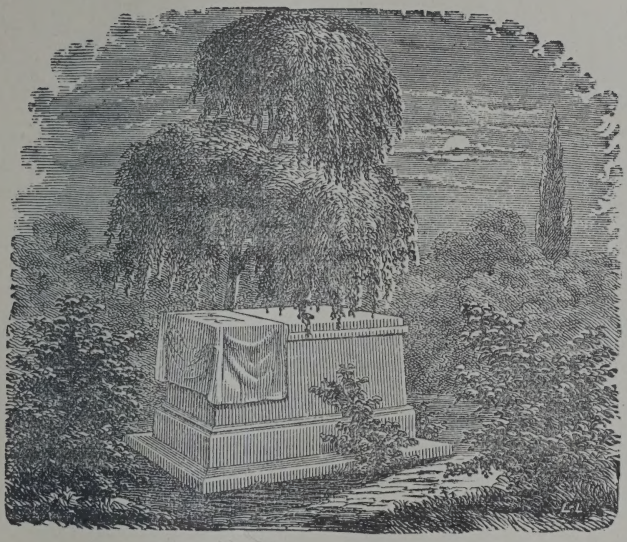
M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN WILLIAM HENRY WILSON,

Grand Master.

Born at Waterford, Ireland, February 21, 1833.

Died at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, July 19, 1892.

"——— When such men as he may die,
Their places ye may not well supply,
Though ye among a thousand try
With vain endeavor."



In Memoriam of

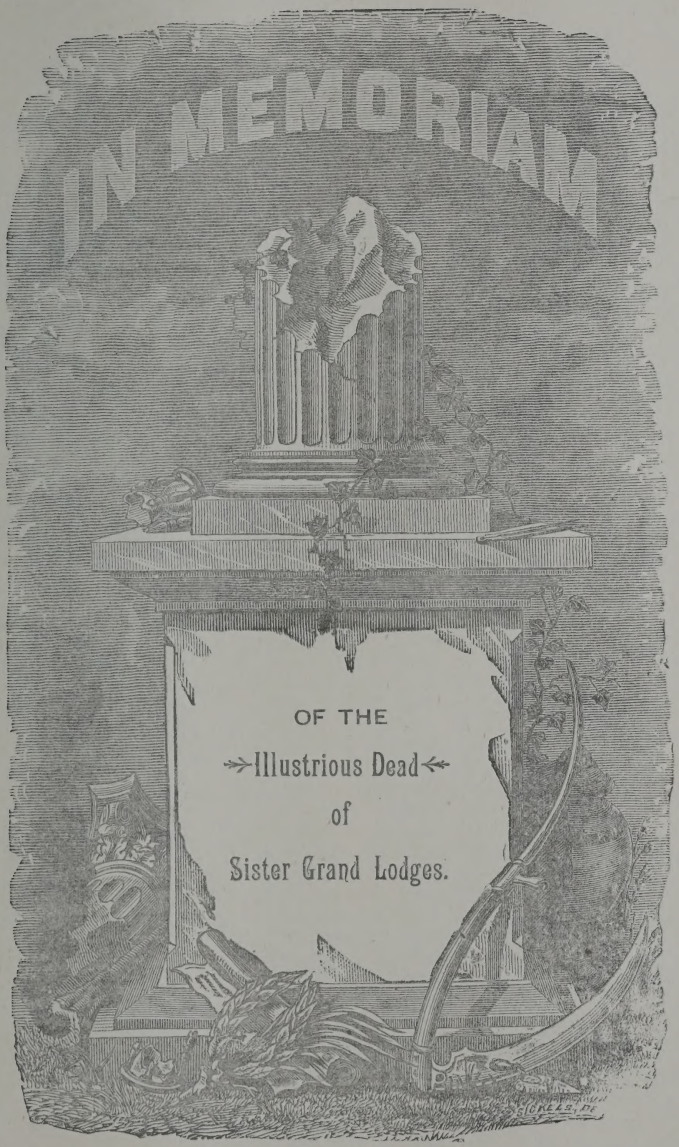
R.·. W.·. BRO. EDWARD GEORGE WEEKES,

Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Born in Somersetshire, England, August 19, 1846.

Died at Regina, Assiniboia, September 27, 1892.

"What wondrous mercy doth the Master give,
That the true workmen in their work shall live.


IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

"They are not lost in distant worlds above;
They are our nearest links in God's own love;
The human hand-clasps of the Infinite
With life to life, spirit to spirit knit."

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
William Ferguson	December 20, 1892.	Prince Rupert	1
Henry Welsh Suckling	December 20, 1892.	Prince Rupert	1
John Suckling	December 20, 1892.	Prince Rupert	1
Henry Cochrane	December 5, 1892	Lisgar	2
George Alexander Harvey	December 5, 1892.	Lisgar	2
John McVicar	October 10, 1892.	Ancient Landmark	3
David Huston	February 3, 1892.	St. John's	4
Thomas James Smith	March 16, 1892.	Assiniboine	7
Alexander McKay	June 7, 1892.	King Solomon	8
Montague Banks	February 9, 1892.	Stonewall	12
Horace Boyce	February 9, 1892.	Stonewall	12
Robert Darrach	July 5, 1892.	Corinthian	15
John Dougald McCallum	December 6, 1892.	Corinthian	15
John Pearson	December 6, 1892	Corinthian	15
Sydney Watson Soper	December 6, 1892.	Corinthian	15
Richard Gwynne	December 2, 1892.	Kinistino	16
Thomas McKay	December 2, 1892.	Kinistino	16
Andrew Everett Porter	December 2, 1892.	Kinistino	16
Joseph S. Coombs	December 2, 1892.	Kinistino	16
Henry Sholts Douglas	December 2, 1892.	Kinistino	16
Thomas Eastwood Jackson	December 2, 1892.	Kinistino	16
Thomas Barton	December 6, 1892.	Wascana	23
Frederick Kelloch Gibson	December 6, 1892.	Wascana	23
William Cruickshank	December 6, 1892.	Wascana	23
James Delamere Lafferty	December 6, 1892.	Wascana	23
Percy R. Neale	December 6, 1892.	Wascana	23
John Smith	December 13, 1892.	Moose Jaw	26
Thomas Corril Coggs	April 28, 1892.	Glenwood	27
John Ballenden	November 1, 1892.	Medicine Hat	31
Samuel Scott Nelson	April 5, 1892.	Qu'Appelle	34
John Brown	October 10, 1892.	North Star	41
James Hazlet	October 10, 1892.	North Star	41
Frank Lowrie	October 10, 1892.	North Star	41
Arthur Murray Jarvis	October 10, 1892.	North Star	41
James Pierre	October 10, 1892.	North Star	41
James Adams	October 6, 1892.	Cascade	42
Thomas Watts	October 6, 1892.	Cascade	42
Geo. Herbert Williams	October 6, 1892.	Cascade	42
James Carroll	December 1, 1892.	Cascade	42
William T. B. Kennedy	November 1, 1892.	Lebanon	43
Richard Bellamy	December 27, 1892.	Lebanon	43

EXPULSION AFFIRMED.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Archibald A. Watson	June 9, 1892	Assiniboine	7
Henry H. Brown	June 14, 1893	Cascade	42

SUSPENSION FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Alexander Robert Burns	December 15, 1892.	Kinistino	16

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Samuel Benfield Steele	January 19, 1892	Lisgar	2
William Henry Eaton	July 4, 1892	Lisgar	2
William Barnes Cousins	January 11, 1892	Ancient Landmark	3
Andrew Grant	July 11, 1892	Ancient Landmark	3
Archibald Connell Sinclair	July 11, 1892	Ancient Landmark	3
James Croft Kennedy	April 5, 1892	King Solomon	8
William Henry Garbutt	November 29, 1892.	Prince of Wales	14
William T. B. Kennedy	November 29, 1892.	Lebanon	43

List of Elected Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba from its Organization, May 12, 1875.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deptuty G. M.	Gr. S. Warden	Gr. J. Warden.	Gr. Treasurer.	Gr. Secretary.	Gr. Registrar.	Gr. Chaplain.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson.	*S. L. Bedson ..	*Col. John Kennedy.	John H. Bell....	**H. T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson.	*S. L. Bedson..	G. F. Newcomb	**J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell	J. W. Harris	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb ..	James Henderson.	John W. Harris.	.....	J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb ..	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin...	*F. T. Bradley.	J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ...	R. McQuaig ...	J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell	**James Munro..	Rev. James Flett.
1880	John H. Bell	.....	*Hon. G. McMicken.	†J.M. McGregor	J. J. Johnson..	Wm. G. Scott ...	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†D. B. Murray..	.....	J. J. Johnson..	James Henderson..	†D. G. Dick... ..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson.	.....	J. J. Johnson..	.....	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell	†D. B. Murray....	R. McQuaig....	† John Smith, M. D.	J. J. Johnson..	Wm. G. Scott ...	D. Young, M.D.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	John H. Bell	....	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M. D.	J. J. Johnson..	Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	.....	†Alfred Pearson ..	P. McGregor ..	†Thos. Collins ..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	Alfred Pearson....	Peter McGregor..	*J.W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. G. Bell	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott ...	Jas. S. Greig.....	Rev. Canon J. D O'Meara.
1888	Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell....	†R. C. Brown..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Joseph Daniel....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. L. Morton	†Thos M'Ph'rson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne ..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1890	James A. Ovas ..	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos McPherson	Fred L. Newman.	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell.....	*John W. H Wilson	Ric'd D. Foley..	John Leslie.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	James G. Dagg..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	*John W. H. Wilson.	D. J. Goggin	F. G. Lewin....	Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. A. Windatt..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thomas Robinson.	Thomas Tweed.	Corbet Locke ..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	J. H. Munson ...	Rev. William J. Garton.

* Dead. † Removed from Jurisdiction. ** Withdrawn from Masonry

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·.W.·. Bro. David James Goggin, Regina ..... Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Winnipeg ..... Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat ..... Grand Senior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Morden ..... Grand Junior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe, Winnipeg ..... D. D. G. M.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Byron Marcus Canniff, Portage la Prairie ..... D. D. G. M.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Hugh William Fraser, Treherne ..... D. D. G. M.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley, Manitou ..... D. D. G. M.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Albert Caldwell Sewell, Minnedosa ..... D. D. G. M.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain, Prince Albert ..... D. D. G. M.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Samuel R. English, Oak Lake ..... D. D. G. M.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Archibald Campbell Patterson, Qu'Appelle Station D. D. G. M.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Norman Thorquil Macleod, Lethbridge ..... D. D. G. M.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg ..... Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg ..... Grand Secretary.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John Henry D. Munson, Winnipeg ..... Grand Registrar.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton, Emerson ..... Grand Chaplain.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Herbert Hanks Goulter, Virden ..... Grand Senior Deacon.
V.·.W.·. Bro. William Thomas Finlay, Medicine Hat ..... Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·.W.·. Bro. George William Baker, Winnipeg, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert George Brett, Banff ..... Grand Organist.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter, Edmonton ..... Grand Steward.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Hill Myers, Minnedosa ..... Grand Steward.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Fairbairn McTavish, Morris ..... Grand Steward.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Patterson, Macleod ..... Grand Steward.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Stephen Proctor, Fort Qu'Appelle ..... Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg ..... Grand Tyler.

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R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1).....Winnipeg.

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M.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin (10), Grand Master.....Regina.
" " " George Black (10), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
" " " George F. Newcomb (4), Past Grand Master.....Napinka.
" " " Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson (10), Past Grand Master..Winnipeg.
" " " John Headley Bell (3), Past Grand Master.....Roseland.
" " " Alfred Pearson (1), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
" " " Thomas Clark (25), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg.
" " " Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara (1), Past Grand Master. Winnipeg.
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" " " William George Scott (1), Grand Secretary .....Winnipeg.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Walter Harris (4).....Winnipeg.
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" " " Robert White Woodroofe (1) ..... Winnipeg.
" " " John Leslie (1) .....Winnipeg.
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" " " Alexander James Belch (4).....Winnipeg.
" " " William Andrew Windatt (3) .....Winnipeg.
V.·. " " Donald Hope (3) .....Winnipeg.
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" " John Chambers (3).....Winnipeg.
" " Herman Joseph Eberts(10) .....Winnipeg.
" " James Thompson Black (4) .....Winnipeg.
" " Thomas William Leggo (1) .....Winnipeg.
" " Thomas William Taylor (4) .....Winnipeg.
" " Alexander A. Aird (4) .....Winnipeg.

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SUB-COMMITTEES.

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R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie,
R.·.W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe,
V.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Carley.

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V.·.W.·. Bro. Donald Hope,
W.·. Bro. James T. Black.
W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Leggo.

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R.·., W.·. Bro. John Leslie,
W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor,
W.·. Bro. Alexander A. Aird.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
British Columbia	John S. Hough	Winnipeg	February 18, 1887
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edw'd Isl'd	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	Robert W. Woodroofe	Winnipeg	August 25, 1891

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

England	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg	March 17, 1886
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 6, 1884

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	November 30, 1888
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie	December 26, 1883
California	Fred. Leslie Newman	Portage la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	November 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg	January 11, 1889
Distr't of Columbia	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	November 27, 1888
Florida	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thos. Lewis Morton	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John Headly Bell	Winnipeg	August 28, 1876
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Indian Territory	Donald Hope	Winnipeg	June 26, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Rapid City	December 20, 1892
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg	January 18, 1881
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt	Portage la Prairie	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicholl	Neepawa	December 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	May 16, 1888
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd	Minnedosa	February 12, 1891
Montana	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 22, 1875
Nebraska	Rich'd Dennis Foley	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

From The United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	John Colwell	Brandon	March 7, 1890
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Winnipeg	Dec. 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	Nov. 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	Duncan J. Campbell	Macleod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	Dec. 15, 1883
Rhode Island	R. W. A. Rolph	Winnipeg	August 11, 1880
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Fred'k L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Portage la Prairie	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa	March 15, 1879
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 12, 1885
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1891
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
Washington	Rev. J. M Wellwood	Minnedosa	Nov. 18, 1884
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assa	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg	June 26, 1877

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Danl. H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
New Zealand	Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat	February 25, 1893
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885
Victoria	Thos. McPherson	Lethbridge, Alta.	March 16, 1891

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In The Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving, Q. C.	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munro	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M.D.	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edw'd Isl'd	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Sept. 30, 1885

In The United Kingdom

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	Geo. W. Shannon	Dublin	Dec. 13, 1890
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In The United States.

Alabama	James W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver	Prescott	June 29, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	John Mills Brown	Vallego	May 9, 1877
Colorado	Jethro C. Sanford	Durango	Sept. 10, 1891
Connecticut	George W. Bently	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
Dis't of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington	August 16, 1880
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo	Sept. 5, 1879
Iowa	Geo. M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	Sept. 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	Dec. 10, 1886
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville	June 16, 1879
Louisiana	Charles Chaffee	New Orleans	June 8, 1877
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	Nov. 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment
Mississippi	John Rice, M.D.	Sardis	Dec. 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	Nov. 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	John H. Hubbs	Virginia City	Dec. 14, 1883
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	Dec. 5, 1887
New Jersey	George W. Powe	Jersey City	May 13, 1891
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts	New York	Dec. 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	C. F. Baldwin	Mount Vernon	March 7, 1893
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Layfayette	
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Dandridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsicana	Sept. 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	Sept. 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	April 10, 1891
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne	August 25, 1877

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	William H. Tulloch	Sidney	October 30, 1889
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	Nov. 24, 1887
New Zealand	Hon. Henry Feldwick	Auckland	Dec. 10, 1892
South Australia	James Magor Symons	Moonta	January 7, 1892
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SERMON

Preached in Westminster Church, Winnipeg, on Sunday, June 25th, 1893, by Bro. Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Pastor, and printed by direction of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge.

JOHN 1—6 and 7.

"*There was a man sent from God whose name was John.*

The same came for a witness to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe."

We are met for the purpose of meditating upon the character, the mission, and the teaching of John the Baptist, in their bearing upon Masonic character, conduct, and teaching.

As John introduced men to Christ, so Masonry may introduce us to Christianity.

Now, what was the distinguishing feature of John's character which we should try to imitate? Evidently it was *moral courage*. John was a man in the true heroic meaning of that word. He could deny self with decision, and he could denounce sin with fearlessness. He could abstain from all self-indulgence without being self-righteous, and he could condemn all vice without being unkind. He could live on locusts and wild honey without complaining about his hard fare or boasting of his abstemiousness. He could tell the Pharisees they were a generation of vipers, and urge them to come to repentance, without sending them to perdition. He could control his appetite by his will. He could guide his desires by his reason. His animal propensities never ran away with his manly self-control. He began to reform the world by reforming himself. He showed what self-denial meant by denying himself. He tried to get other people to do right by doing right himself. As some men analyzed his food and criticized his dress, they called him a sour ascetic, but as we look beneath his coat of camel's hair and within his leathern girdle there was a man.

But he was a God-sent man. He had the consciousness of God's presence with him. He felt that he was on God's side in opposing sin, and he was as bold as a lion in condemning wickedness.

He had the courage of his convictions. He could preach the necessity of repentance to all self-righteous sinners, whether in the palaces or slums. He could condemn all hypocrisy with emphatic denunciation, whether in orthodox church or sceptical club room. He could tell the Pharisees and Sadducees that they were a generation of vipers that needed to bring forth fruits that would prove their penitence before he could receive them. He could boldly face the despotic tyrant Herod and say in reference to his so-called wife, "It is not lawful for thee to have her." He did not believe in patting gilded transgressors on the back and striking ragged sinners in the mouth. He did not call the man who stole a million a genius and the man who stole a dollar a thief. He did not hit over the left when he struck the rich and straight from the shoulder when he pummelled the poor. He could kiss misfortune anywhere, but he would scourge wickedness everywhere. He could endure death, but he could not by false testimony condone sin. He was on the side of all that made for righteousness, sincerity, purity of heart and life. He was a fearless reformer, a bold reprover of sin, a preacher of repentance, a thoroughly courageous, God-sent man. He never perverted any principle by compromise. He never tolerated wrong-doing by cowardice. He never condoned sin by silence. He was a man in his uprightness; he was a hero in his manliness; he was a martyr in his faithfulness. If he was not a Mason he might have been. So far he is a model for every man and every Mason. No moral coward can ever be a true Mason.

But you will notice that the moral courage or manliness of John did not rest upon the ground that he had reached perfection. He was far from assuming that position. He had not arrived at the resting place in human life which was good enough for him or for any man—he was only travelling towards it. He had not reached the hill top of human attainment—he was only climbing up to it. He had not penetrated to the inner shrine of the temple of knowledge, he was only in the porch. He was not the true light, but only a reflector of its radiance. He was not the perfect man, but only the witness who identified him before men. High as his degree of knowledge was, there was a higher degree to which his attainment was only a stepping stone. Worthy as his character was, there was a worthier manhood just above him. Bright as the light was which he radiated upon men, it was only a candle illumining the darkness of ignorance enough to bring us into the perfect sunshine of true knowledge. John stands ready, not to recommend himself to our confidence, but to introduce us to One infinitely his superior. He

said, "He that cometh after me is preferred before me. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear." John was high, but Christ was still higher. John was a reflector of light, Christ was the true light. John represented high attainments that had been arrived at; Christ represented the highest attainments that could be reached. John represented what was probably good enough; Christ represented what was certainly the very best in all that pertained to human life and human character. John represented the foundation of a grand structure; Christ represents the completion of a perfect building.

John would never have been seen on the horizon of history had it not been for the coming of Christ. His manly character shines bright just in as far as it represents Christian virtue.

It is when John comes closest to Christ in his life that he presents to us the noblest manhood in his character. And so you will find that the nearer we get to Christ as men the better we will work as Masons. The more fully that we develop Christian character the better we will practice Masonic conduct. And from the low but broad ground of Masonic beliefs you can easily rise to the high ground of Christian faith. On the foundation of Masonic virtue you can readily build the structure of Christian character. From Masonic obligations can readily come the virtue of Christian trustworthiness, and never will Masonry be better illustrated than by true Christian manhood.

A disciple of John the Baptist can naturally easily become a follower of Christ. A true Mason may naturally become a good Christian.

Let us see what John or a disciple of John was, in order to understand what he may become.

HE WAS A BELIEVER IN THE TRUE GOD.

I know that Masonry is not in itself religion, but it is the soil out of which religion naturally grows. No real atheist can be a true Mason, any more than a piece of coal can be a diamond. Without faith in God we can have no confidence in ourselves. Unless we recognize our responsibility to God there can be little binding force in our solemn obligations. Unless we are sincere in the declaration that we trust God we can have no assurance that we can trust each other. In fact, unless we accept the Bible as God's revelation to us we can have no light either in our lives or our lodge room. It is the recognition of our true relation to God that makes us either true men or good Masons. It is the recognized authority of God that makes the moral law the supreme rule of life. All righteousness has its beginning in the fear of

God. All human virtue has its foundation in Divine authority. All real manliness has its root in true godliness.

Out of our Masonry, therefore, should grow strong religious belief, not rank sceptical unbelief. Our society should be a school of religious faith, not a nursery of doubt. Our temples should be sanctuaries of the living God, not sepulchres of religious life. If this is not the case, then all our obligations are only made to be broken, all our symbolic teachings are only empty delusions, and all our ritual a solemn mockery. If the Godhead is not the foundation of our manhood then Masonry has no solid foundation on which to rest.

Lay a good foundation—do not be satisfied with a mere foundation, but proceed to complete the building.

HE WAS A BELIEVER IN HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

I know that Masonry is not in itself philanthropy, but it is the blossom from which the fruits of brotherly kindness should grow. No unbrotherly, unjust, uncharitable, cruel man can be a true Mason, any more than a thorn bush can be a fig tree. Masons are men, but they are more—they are brethren. It is a great deal to develop the character of true manhood; it is a great deal more to cherish the spirit of real brotherliness. It is something to wear the robe of an unspotted reputation, by which we maintain our respectability in the community; it is a good deal more to make the robe of charity, by which we can cover up the faults and failings and infirmities of our brother. It is a great deal to refrain from injuring our brother in anything. It is much more to help him in his every time of need. It is a great deal to resent an injury that may have been perpetrated against us by a brother; it is much more to forgive him as we hope to be forgiven. It is a great deal to act with kindly consideration towards each other; it is a great deal more to help each other with loving brotherliness. It is to the cultivation of all the fruits of brotherly love that we have pledged ourselves to each other. And unless the blossoms or professions of Masonry produce the fruits of brotherliness it represents only barrenness in the world. Without brotherliness our professions are at best but green leaves of pretension, and our vows are nothing more than beautiful blossoms of false promises. In God's garden we are nothing better than cumberers of the ground. If brotherliness is not the fruit of Masonry, then we have no justification for living.

Let us not rest satisfied with mere beautiful blossoms, but let us bring forth the ripe fruit of brotherliness.

HE WAS A BELIEVER IN IMMORTALITY.

I know that masonry is not spiritual life, but it is the mirror in which spiritual truth can be reflected on the mind. A thorough materialist can not be a true mason. Our manhood derives

its dignity from the conviction that we are sons of God, and not mere organized clods of the dust. Our brotherhood gets its chief significance, from the truth that God is the Father of our spirits, and not merely the Creator of our bodies. Man came from God. He did not just roll himself out of a dust-heap. Our whole conduct derives its importance from the fact that we are heirs of immortality, not mere creatures of a day. We have souls as well as bodies,—we have a life beyond the grave—we have eternity after time. Let us not rest satisfied with a mere shadow of life, let us secure the reality. Unless this conviction of immortality enters into our life, all our efforts are wasted strength. The sky of our future is simply the pall of death, and our grandest human achievements consist in building the sepulchres of despair. But for every true mason, the life of God is in him—on his sky of the future the star of immortality shines brightly, and his chief labour is to prepare material for that spiritual temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Every true mason works in the conviction that he is an immortal being.

And let us remember, that nowhere does true Godliness shine out so conspicuously, as in the person of Christ. He is the express image of the Father's person. Why as Masons may we not receive this light from God, through Christ, into our hearts?

Nowhere is brotherly conduct so exemplified so perfectly as in the self-sacrificing life of Christ. He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. Why as Masons may we not copy his example?

Nowhere is immortality or a future life brought out so fully as in the teaching of Christ. He brought life and immortality to light in the Gospel. Why as Masons may we not sit at his feet?

These then are the qualities of Masonic manliness. It begins in faith in God. It lives in the warmth of brotherly love. It shines in the light of immortality.

What was the mission of John the Baptist, of which Masons should take special notice? His special mission was to prepare men for receiving the Messiah. He was to bring the Jewish people into a right form of mind for receiving the Deliverer, which he did by preaching repentance. He was to plow the soil of Judaism, so that it would be prepared for the seed which Jesus would sow, which he did by declaring the coming of the kingdom of God. He was to receive and introduce Christ to the world, which he did by baptizing him at Jordan, and pointing him out as the promised Messiah. He was to prepare the candlestick of Judaism for having the lamp of Christianity placed upon it. He attacked the narrow views of the Jews in order that he might

bring in the broad claims of humanity. He tried to break down the exclusiveness of the Jewish race, in order to re-organize the unity of the human family. He struck heavy blows at intolerance of religion, in order that he might establish the brotherhood of man. He scourged out all unrighteousness that he might bring in true brotherliness. He pulled out the weeds of sectarian feeling in order that he might sow the seed of brotherly love. He thrust out Annas the Priest to bring in Chirst our brother. He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness; "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." His whole energies were to be absorbed in removing the obstacles that stood in the way of the reception of Christ. He was to be a voice, rather than a person in declaring his message. He was to be heard rather than seen in doing his work. The messenger was to be almost forgotten, in view of the importance of the message which he delivered. He was to be absorbed in Christ, as the light of the morning star is absorbed in the light of the glorious sun. He was to give place to Christ, as the apple blossom gives place to the fruit. His great object was not to call attention to himself, but to the Saviour. If he was seen it was only to be reflecting the light of Christ. If he was heard it was only to be as speaking about Christ. If he was to be honored, it was only to be as the forerunner of Christ. Just as we are to see the moon shining in the light of the sun, so are we to see John the Baptist shining in the light of Christ the Saviour. His great business was to show men the way to the Christ, not bring them to himself. He did not turn men away from Christ, he brought them to him. He did not substitute his own teaching, and virtue, and work, for the teaching, and virtue, and work of Christ. Just so masonary should not turn men away from Christ, but bring them to Him. It should not make their own work all the religion they want, but use it to recommend the teaching, and life and work of Christ. Before John is Christ, before Masonry is Christianity.

When we are voyagers on the ocean, it may not matter to us who keeps the lighthouse that stands upon the rocky shore, but it is of essential importance, that we see the radiance of the lamp he has lighted, and that we steer by its guidance. John set the lamp upon the lighthouse that showed the way to Christ, and the harbour of true safety.

Here is a lesson for us. It matters not whether we are seen or not seen, whether we are known or unknown, whether we are remembered or forgotten, but it is of infinite importance that we keep the lamp of truth so set on the lighthouse of our institutions that its clear radiance shall warn men from the rocks of ruin and guide them into the harbour of safety.

When we are receiving our messages across the electric wires, it may not matter much who the telegraph operator is, but it is of supreme importance what the telegram says, from whom it comes, of whom it speaks, what directions it gives. John was simply the telegraph operator, who delivers God's message about Christ and the way we are to receive him.

Here is the lesson for us. When the revelation of God's truth thrills our souls, it matters not whether men recognize who or what we are, but we will so arrange that the testimony we bear shall be a Divine message about God's truth and man's duty.

When we are travelling on the railroad, it may not matter much who the overseer is who keeps the track clear from all the hindrances and obstructions which might stop or derail the train. The essential matter is that the road is kept clear. John was simply the overseer, who tried to remove the obstructions,—the unbelief—the prejudice—the vice—the sin—that stood in the way of men coming to Christ. He tried to make a clean straight pathway between the soul and the Saviour.

The lesson for us is, that whether men recognize it or not, whether we are praised or blamed, whether we succeed or fail, we are to labour that all unbelief, and prejudice, and vice, and love of sin shall be removed from our own hearts and lives, and the hearts and lives of our fellow men, that we shall have unobtructed access to Christ, and He shall have free entrance into our souls. Masonry that recognizes the mission of John the Baptist, must honestly accept the work of Christ.

If we are like John the Baptist, we will be burning lights that show the way to Christ.

Solomon may introduce to the temple, John the Baptist brings us into direct contact with the Saviour.

What was the teaching of John to which Masons especially should pay heed? He taught the whole truth as it was revealed to him. He placed the light of Christian truth on the candlestick of Jewish traditions. He made the ritual of the temple reflect the doctrine of the Church. He made the symbolism of Judaism the foundation of Christianity.

His teaching was all summed up in the words which he uttered when pointing to Jesus. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." It is as if he said, think of Christ as God's solution of the great problem of sin. See in Christ the sacrifice presented for the sinner. Meditate upon His pure unblemished character, as the Lamb of God. Behold in Him the conqueror of all evil. Perceive in Him the revelation of Divine sonship. Recognize in Him the perfection of all manliness. Find in Him

the best exemplification of all true brotherliness. Look at Him as the perfect manifestation of true Godliness. Accept Him as the proof and pledge of God's infinite love to you. Trust Him as the propitiation for past sin, and the ground on which you can hope for future blessedness. Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

The man that receives John for his teacher, should receive Christ for his Saviour. The Masonry that accepts John is opening the door for Christ. Masonry in its foundation is manhood, in its walls and arches is brotherhood, in its altars and shrines it is Christianity.

All the symbolism of masonry finds its fullest explanation in the truths of Christianity. The temple itself was a type of the incarnation of Christ. The traditionsconnected with the erection of the building have their most significant meaning in the Christian work, by which the temple of Christ is now being built up. The sacrifices all prefigured the cruicfixion, all the ritual of the temple service gets full intrepretation in the truths and expriences of redemption. The whole mysteries of Masonic rites as founded on that service, find a key for their solution in the work and life of Christ. Masonry becomes a completed structure in Christianity.

John represents the lighthouse, Christ is the harbour. John was the blossom, Christ is the matured fruit.

The foundation may be strong and broad, but it can never be substituted for the house. The lighthouse through stable and bright, is not to be used for the harbour. The blossoms though very beautiful flowers, can never be used as ripe fruit. Let us not take up our abode in the walls of the foundation. Let us not cast anchor beside the lighthouse. Let us not be satisfied with the mere blossoms of experience.

The beautiful blossoms of Masonry become ripened fruits in Christianity. The lighthouse of Masonry leads to the safe harbor of Christianity. And every Christian may work cheerfully with Masons, because John, their patron saint, leads to Christ, the Christian's Saviour.

Thus, then, we see that Masonic virtues may naturally become Christian character, Masonic brotherliness may naturally become Christian philanthropy, Masonic teaching may naturally become Christian doctrine. Oh, if we were only true in working out our principles to their true Christian development what a benediction we might be to each other and to the world!

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